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To-day.

(April 24.)

Lammert's Auction Sale of Fur-
niture, Station Hotel, 10.30 a.m.
Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis
Tournament:—
Open Singles:—
Semi-final: C. A. L. Rumjahn v.
S. A. Rumjahn.
Handicap Singles "B":—
Gordon (owe 3/0) v. Rodger (owe
3/0) or Ferguson (owe 3/0).
Womack (owe 1/0) v. F. U. Jen-
sen (rec. 5/0).

Handicap Doubles:—
Stabb and Lee (scr.) v. Green and
Green (owe 15).
Mixed Doubles:—
Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer (owe 1/0)
v. E. J. Dowley and Mrs. Dowley
(rec. 3/0) or C. E. Holmes and
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R. Stock and Miss A. E. Lang
(scr.) v. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wood
(rec. 3/0).

Armstrong and Mrs. Keary (owe
15) v. C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark
(scr.) or Mr. and Mrs. Blaker (rec.
2/0).
Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie."
World Theatre: "Hwang Tien
Poh" (Chinese film).
King's Theatre: "Tom Sawyer."
Central Theatre: "The Boudoir
Diplomat."
Majestic Theatre: "Career."
Dances: Tea Dance, H.K. Hotel.
Dances, Hong Kong Hotel, Penin-
sula Hotel, and Hotel Cecil.
European Mail.—Inward: Europe
via Siberia (Chichibu Maru);
Europe via Siberia (Rajputana).
Outward: Europe via Siberia
(Comorin), 8.30 p.m.

Saturday.

(April 25.)

Anzac Day: St. Mark, E. and M.
Lammert's Auction Sale of Fur-
niture, Station Hotel, 10.30 a.m.
University Graduates' Associa-
tion Dinner, Lane, Crawford's
Restaurant.
Indian Recreation Club: Open-
ing of New Clubhouse by Mr. A.
el Areull, 3 p.m.
Hong Kong Area Sports Board
Athletic Meeting, Sookunpoo.
Cricket: University v. R.A.
Pokfulam.

Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie."
World Theatre: "Hwang Tien
Poh" (Chinese film).
King's Theatre: "Tom Sawyer."
Central Theatre: "The Boudoir
Diplomat."
Majestic Theatre: "Career."
Dances: Tea Dances, H.K. and
Peninsula Hotels; Dinner Dances,
Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.
European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Empress of
Canada) 10 a.m.; Europe via Suez
(Rajputana) 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

(April 26.)

Third Sunday After Easter.
Queen's Theatre: "Billy The
Kid."
World Theatre: "Hwang Tien
Poh" (Chinese film).
King's Theatre: "Tom Sawyer."
Central Theatre: "The Benson
Murder Case."
Dances: Tea Dance at Repulse
Bay Hotel.

PEN PICTURES OF AMERICA.

IV.—LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

OLD SPAIN, NEW AMERICA, DESERT, SEA AND PALMS.

(By J. E. SEWELL.)

Los Angeles, a city of nearly a
million and a half people is the
centre of Southern California. All
parts of this Western playground,
that holds so many people with its
beauty, glamour and romance, can
be easily reached from Los Angeles.

Southern California, often refer-
red to as the "Land of Sunshine,"
is the largest pleasure resort in
the world and people come there
from all parts of the world just
to see it, but many stay and make
their homes there.

People in California will never
admit that it ever rains but I have
seen immense quantities of drench-
ing dew fall there many times. To
the visitor, the Californian resi-
dent, if it happens to rain, will
use the Hong Kong expression,
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of all kinds of luxuriant and
lovely plants which beautify both
the cities and the country. Los
Angeles has lost none of its natural
beauty by the march of progress,
and in many instances Mother
Nature has been improved upon, as
in Hong Kong, by man's skill. The
name, means, of course, the city
of Angels, and it surely lives up
to its high sounding title! The
streets of the city are bordered
with large lawns, palm trees and
flower beds. Nature's lavishness
seems to have reflected itself even
in the business buildings and
a motor tour through the city will
reveal many novel and ingenious
types of shops. I have seen ice
cream parlours built to represent
an Eskimo igloo, refreshment stands
that look like gigantic oranges,
and bakeries like Dutch windmills,
with their sails turning in realistic
manner. Many people call these
displays outlandish but in my
opinion they give the city a charm
that is refreshing in contrast with
the usual, stern and forbidding
atmosphere that most American
architecture instills. The residents
have got away, to some extent, from
the usual business coldness that is
typical of American cities.

Los Angeles is a large shipping
centre, and from the Los Angeles
harbour, San Pedro, ships are
loaded for all parts of the world
with fruits, oil (both crude and
refined), and manufactured articles.
The fruit industry is one of the largest
in the world, and Los Angeles is
the centre of it. But fruit grow-
ing and shipping contribute largely
to the prosperity of the port which
supplies all the Northern States
with winter vegetables.

Los Angeles, with her suburbs,
must be one of the largest cities in
the world. Not in population but
in the area which the city covers.
This is due to the safety precautions
that must be taken as high build-
ings cannot get the foundations
that they need. The spread, is
therefore, outward and not upward.

Many interesting trips can be
arranged from Los Angeles. The
great American desert is practically
on the outskirts of the city, and
its oases and resorts are becoming
increasingly popular. In every
direction are places to go to, and
things to do. Beautiful Santa
Barbara and exclusive Montecito
are to the north where you will see
the large orange groves. Here
quite a large percentage of the
world's citrus fruits is raised and
prepared for the market. Santa
Monica, Venice, Redondo Beach,
and Long Beach stretch in con-
tinuous succession along the shore
of the Pacific Ocean. Long Beach
is where one of the largest auto-
mobile assembly plants is located.
Santa Monica, Venice, Ocean Park
and Redondo Beach are the places
where Los Angeles plays. Here are
found large pleasure parks where
all sorts of exciting and clever
rides, such as the wall of death,
giant slides and speed boats, can be
had. Here, also, are large public
dance halls where the younger
people go for amusement. Pasadena,
of roses, and Altadena are com-
munities of unusual wealth and
beauty. Riverside, with its noted
Mission Inn and its storied
Spanish Missions that bask in the
sunshine, under wide spread palm
trees, are within a few hours drive
from Los Angeles.

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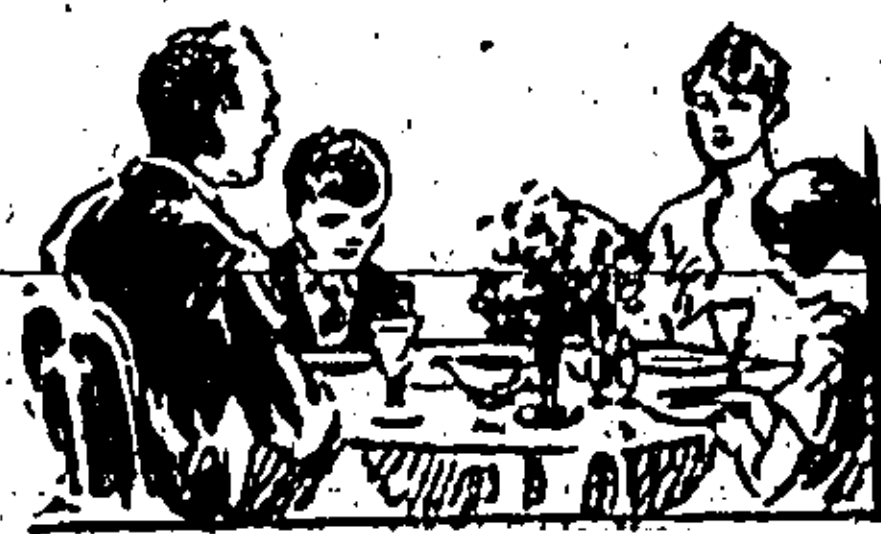
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ROUND THE SHOPS.

Lane, Crawford's.—This season's afternoon dresses are sometimes very definitely intended for that particular time of the day only. Many of them, however, are more merciful in this matter than those which were designed for us in the autumn. This is very largely due to the fact that morning clothes are rather longer, except when they are meant for sports only, thus there is less difference in length between the dress we put on first thing in the morning, and the dress which does not come out till later in the day. This week, in the ladies' salon of Lane, Crawford's, you will see new "Josephine" gowns for day and evening wear. Organdie, a popular summer fabric, is used for a model in white over a flesh slip, while the skirt is covered with herring-bone stitching in black. A white net yoke trims the neck and is worn off the shoulders. Another very chic model in organdie is in rose; black stitching in a flower design trims the skirt, while black net is used in a cape effect over the sleeve.

Eve.—The summer wardrobe of the modern child is an extensive affair, containing many more frocks and coats than that of grown-up folk, for the simple reason that present-day dresses are so inexpensive to buy. But always comes the vital question of what shape that pretty washing frock shall take. Mother should pay a visit to Eve's as they have a most fascinating lot of washing dresses in Bo-Pop Print and Duro fabric; these needless to say tub and tub again and are guaranteed fast colours. Among some of the sweetest dresses I have seen for a long time was one in a pink floral design Bo-Pop Print with a white collar and front in muslin. All dresses for the tiny tot are accompanied with bloomers to match. There are also matching socks in silk, artificial silk and silk and wool with coloured tops. You will also be charmed with the big selection of hats for the kiddies, and I'm sure that every little dress can be matched to perfection.

Gordons.—Despite the great popularity of black footwear, probably more brown than black shoes will be worn this summer. The lighter and medium shades, such as beige, tan, buff, and chestnut, and raisin are very popular. The great thing is to ensure that shoes harmonise with the dress colour scheme. They are now an integral part of the ensemble, and must never be considered just by themselves. Where they do not match the costume they should be linked up with the hand-bags, hat or scarf as a contrasting note. Shoes and bags in the same



VARIETY AND GAIETY IN NEW MODES.

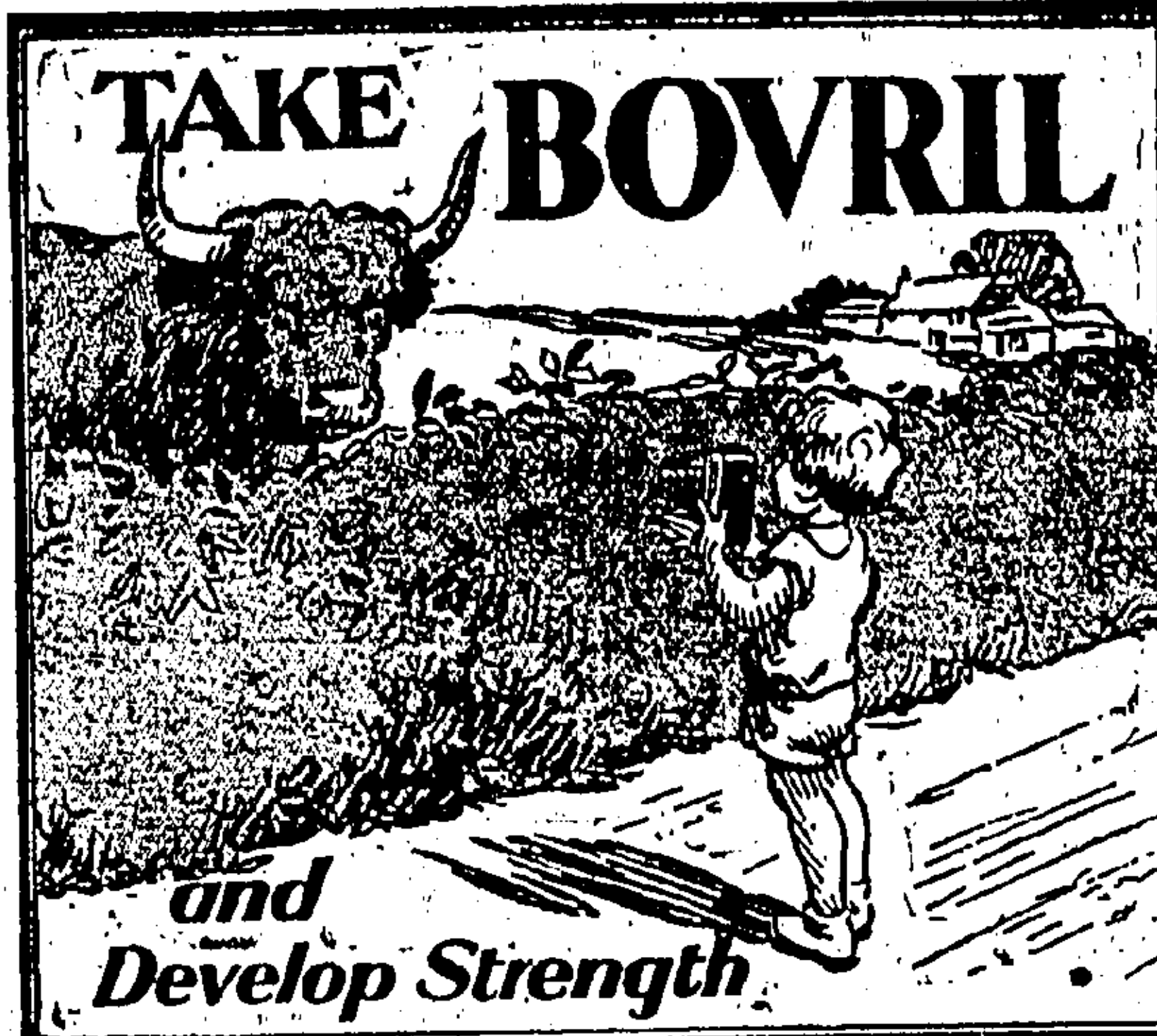


leathers, by the way, are a pretty and increasingly popular fashion. Whatever the skirt length, footwear is just as important a part of the picture as before—in fact the new headline draws attention to the shoes at once. The new shoes which Gordons have just imported are all of the simplest styles so while our gowns are often more elaborate, our feet still follow the classic path of simplicity. There is for instance, natural linen with strappings in brown leather, beige Shantung with one strap, Shantung trimmed with lizard, white lizard trimmed with dark blue lizard and something new in the form of a court shoe in Panama straw trimmed with beige leather.

Vanity Fair.—Details in dress today are all-important, and one should observe carefully with what variety they are presented so that one can be well in front of the mode. The best clothes for present and future show the clear lines of the simpler and more youthful silhouette, to which certain dainty details are added in hand-work that assist this aspect, and all sorts of interesting trifles that denote novelty in necks and sleeves. Blouses in their new aspect can be worn in various ways and the more masculine type of shirts are now so often presented in practical washing materials. With the more decorative types of hand-worked blouse the neckline, collarless and draped, is a fashion-point that requires skilful adjustment to type. The dressmaking at Vanity Fair is all done under the supervision of an expert, and judging by some of the models in the process of making, I can assure you that they are all trained in the art of dress-making.

Whiteaway's.—The swimming season is with us once more and Whiteaways have everything new in the way of beach wear. For the seaside the outfit is gorgeous—swimming suit, beach hat, bag, shoes and parasol. The swimming suit has not changed very much, only colour and decorations can differ from one season to another. The slim girl may wear a bright orange with black or coloured designs on it. The knickers and close-fitting top are the usual thing for this water ensemble and two colours frequently go to make it. Black knickers and banana-yellow top with black bands is used on one very striking suit. There are also gorgeous wraps which may be slipped on to walk to the beach or on it, with a wide brimmed hat to match.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.—Something for every woman is the motto at this hat shop, and those who complain that they cannot find a frock or hat to suit them in the collection of new goods which have just been unpacked, must not only be hard, but quite impossible to please. For every occasion, for every hour of the day and for all sports, there are about four dozen varying models from which one may choose the style that becomes one best. To describe all these would occupy columns of space, but if you go the little salon in St. George's Building you will be able to see the various aspects of fashion in the smart and becoming frocks and chic hats. The frocks are all in the new longer lengths and are utterly charming in printed soles in very attractive designs. Not only do the frocks in this material look dainty, but they are serviceable too, for this material washes beautifully and the colours are fast.



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WOMAN'S PAGE



White Georgette Frock with Double Pleated Peplum.

FRENCH MODELS FOR THE CHINESE LADY.

WHITE TULLE THE FRESHEST SPRING FABRIC.

Smart society woman in Shanghai are wearing this spring clever adaptations of new, chic models from Paris, the mecca of the fashion world. Dining last week and at one of Shanghai's favourite ballrooms, we saw many of these new frocks which gave a delightful note to the whole gathering.

Effective Contrast.

The first frock to draw our attention features a double pleated peplum cunningly held in place at high waistline with a very narrow belt. White chiffon, which fashions this dress, suggests the very spirit of spring. The bodice, consisting of tiny plaits, has a neckline giving a cool effect, emphasizing the interest to be centered around the neck as dictated by the famous couturiers of Paris this year. Sleeves in the elbow length are trimmed with a double flounce pleated in the same manner as the peplum. The very full skirt falls into graceful folds with an even hem to the ground. The turquoise jewellery and dainty satin Grecian sandals of the same shade offer an effective contrast to the white chiffon frock.

White for Evening.

White apparently still leads evening colours. Another outstanding success is fashioned of white tulle, characterised by a famous French dressmaker as the freshest spring fabric in the world. The extremely long bodice is moulded by fine horizontal pin tucks. A bias flounce is released from the hem of the bodice to form a voluminous skirt in a very youthful manner. Natural pink roses are tucked in front at the narrow belt at the normal waistline. A striking note of contrast is offered in the elbow length, for Paris had issued the decree that the shorter the wrap, the smarter it is—E.C. in the North-China Daily News.

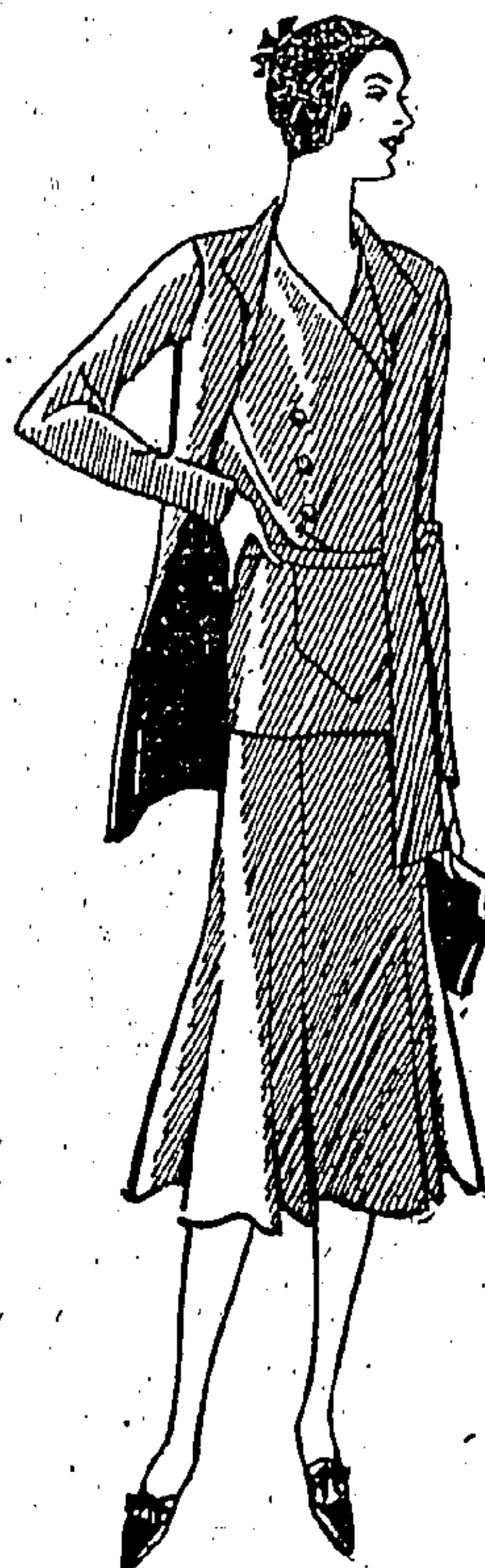
THE LITTLE COAT GOES EVERYWHERE.

Whatever else this spring and summer may have in store for us in the way of prevailing fashions, short jackets will undoubtedly be ubiquitous.

For first thing in the morning, to slip on over pyjamas while sipping an early cup of tea, or orange juice or lemon and water, they will be made of soft satin or washing silk, probably sleeveless and certainly simple in line.

If the pyjamas are in printed material the coat will be printed too; if not, they will be in a plain matching one. Coats are made to go over nightdresses too, and in this case they are sometimes trimmed with lace.

For shopping or walking in the morning they may be of fine tweed or jersey or one of the innumerable other woollen fabrics we have learnt to love so dearly and look so well in. With them we may wear a skirt or dress which matches exactly or forms a distinct contrast in colour.



Tartan or Tweed.

For going to the country they may be of similar fabrics or of the finest *serge*; their skirts may be of tartan or tweed or pleated wool; their companions a lace-wool sweater or silk shirt. Later on, the same jacket which was part of a suit for golf or ordinary wear may go very happily over light tennis frocks, provided it was sufficiently gay in the first place.

For the afternoon, these little jackets may be made in heavy satin or silk, and are usually in a colour which is very much lighter than the tone of the skirt.

For the evening they may form an important part of the most modish and oriental of tea-gowns. Sometimes they continue to be the



medium whereby a very formal evening gown turns itself into a discreet dinner dress; the kind of thing that is so useful for hotels or for black tie occasions. Also, though more and more lovely long wraps are being designed for the evening, the short jacket still holds its own for the same purpose, and is often preferable on summer nights.

For All Types.

The fact that jackets and coats of all kinds are going to be so important, ought to encourage everybody—the slim and well-proportioned because they can choose the close-fitting and belted type which will make them look more slender and avoid than ever; the too tall, because a short coat of the right lines will cut their height just where it needs; the not so tall, because it is much easier to simulate height with than without a coat in the daytime (though it must be admitted that considerable care is needed to do this successfully when the coat is a short one); and the too round, because a coat is a great help in diminishing the effect of a superfluity of inches.

One of the examples of the way in which one of these jackets may bring adaptability as well as freshness into the spring wardrobe is a new model by one of the famous designers which can be persuaded to make two entirely different appearances without exorbitant expense. Its first presentation is a well-tailored jacket of tobacco brown woollen of the classic tailored suit length, and fitting fairly closely at the waist. Beneath this there is a coat-frock of brown and beige tartan wool with a long separate scarf which hides the front of the coat, and a tiny tartan hat.

If one had a tailored skirt to match the coat, the simple suit the two together would make could be worn with lace wool sweaters in the country and with a gay silk blouse and matching hat in town. Different bags and shoes would naturally emphasise the difference.



THE PIC AND THE SQUIRREL.

In a leafy oak-tree, On a summer day, Sat a saucy squirrel, Nibbling away. Underneath the oak-tree Strayed a hungry pig, Bushytail, to scare her, Pelted acorns big. Piggy grunted, "Thank you, Though I can't climb trees, I'm an acorn-lover, Send some more down, please!" Bushytail most kindly Shook the branches so, That an acorn shower fell, And piggy grunted, "Oh!"



THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THE BAND.

"Be good, children, while I am away," said Mrs. Popp Rabbit one market day, as she fixed her shopping baskets on the perambulator. "Yes mother," they answered. As soon as she was out of sight, Young Popp said, "What can we do for a surprise for Mother?" "I know!" cried Mintie, "Mother likes music. Let us pretend we are a band." "Then I'll be conductor!" said Young Popp. "We must hunt about and see what we can find to play."

In a short time the band was ready. They tried over a few tunes and then put on the coloured caps they had saved from their Christmas-crackers. When Mrs. Popp

Rabbit was nearly home, she saw the band coming to meet her. Twinkle was clanging the frying-pan with the poker. Bunter was rattling all his marbles in the milk-can. Little Tidjiddle was sounding a whistle. Popsie and Mintie were blowing through combs covered with soft paper. Young Popp was beating time with the toasting-fork, and all were singing loudly every now and then.

The Warrentown neighbours, covering their ears, were going to send for Policeman 99 to come immediately. Mrs. Popp Rabbit hurried the band indoors, and was very cross indeed with them.

"We thought you liked music, Mother," Young Popp said. "So I do," she replied, "but I fancy you were a little out of tune."

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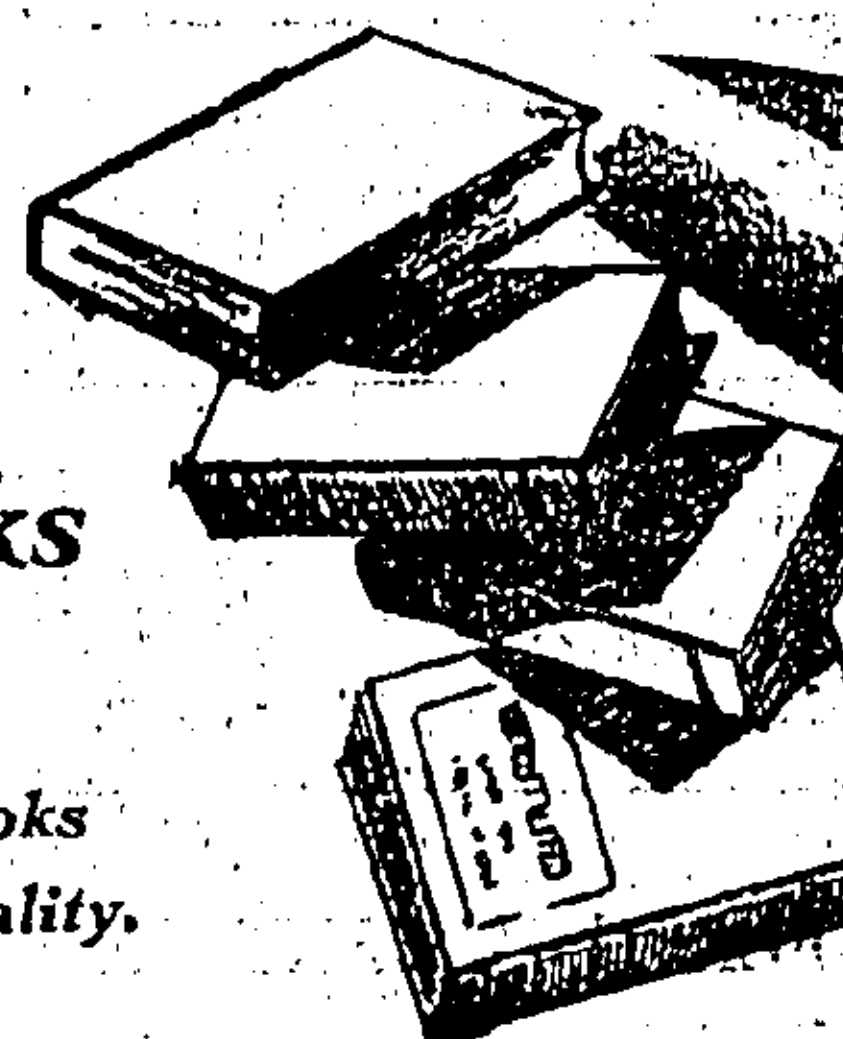


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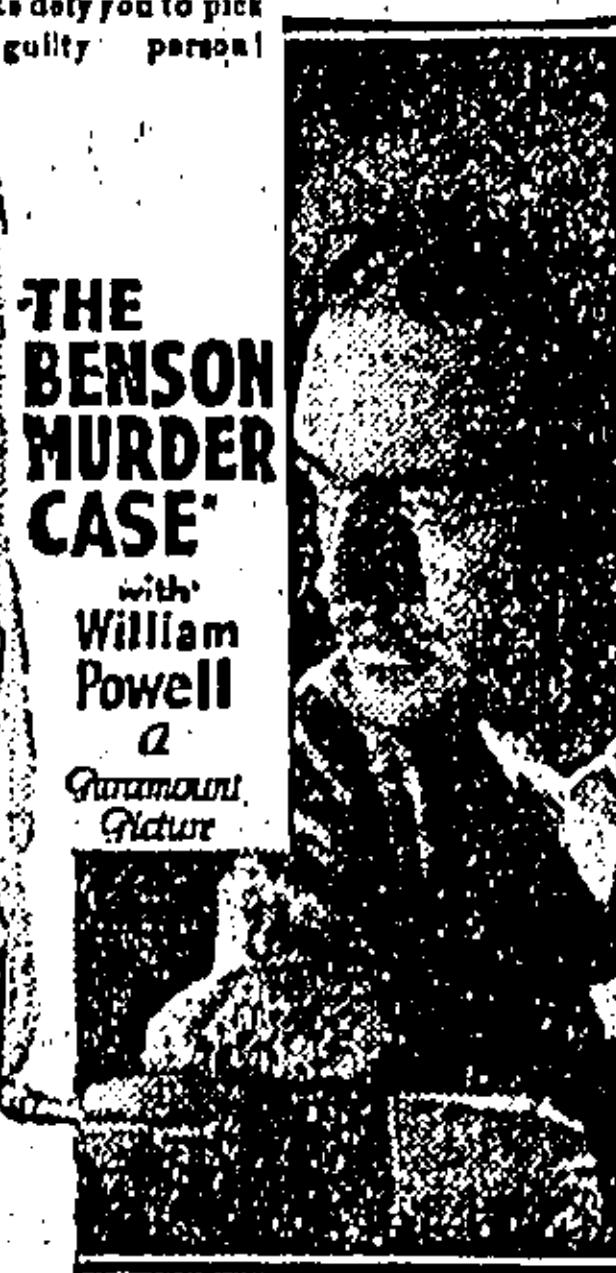
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played and sung by Roscoe Ates.
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memorable character rôle in the
production and Kay Johnson has
the feminine lead.

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"THE BOUDOIR DIPLOMAT."

Andre Beranger, who plays a prom-
inent rôle in "The Boudoir
Diplomat," the sophisticated Uni-
versal comedy now playing at the
Central Theatre to full houses, was
born in Paris, and made his stage
debut in Australia, appearing in
various plays of Sheridan and
Piero. Later he played rôles in
Shakespearean and early Greek
repertoire.

His first work in motion pictures
was done in Los Angeles, when he
became a member of the old
Biograph Company under D.W.
Griffith. He appeared in "The
Birth of a Nation" and other early
Griffith successes. More recent pic-
tures in which he has played im-
portant parts include "Are Par-
ents People?" "Broken Blossoms,"
"The Grand Duchess and the
Waiter," "Stark Mad" and "The
Glad Rag Doll."

Jeanette Loff, who is seen in an
important rôle of "The Boudoir
Diplomat," Universal's sophisticated
comedy, began her theatrical
career as the piano player in the
little Canadian town of Wadena,
Saskatchewan, where the sole mo-
tion picture theatre operated but
two nights per week. When she
later moved to Portland, Ore., with
her parents, Miss Loff studied
organ playing in a local conserva-
tory, and subsequently officiated as
organist at a number of leading
theatres there. But she was always
saving her money for a trip to
Hollywood!

LONDON P.C.'S
WAIST.

A SMARTER TUNIC PLAN.

Changes have been decided upon
in the uniform of the Metropolitan
Police.

While the general design of the
uniform remains the same, the
changes will, it is thought, add to
the air of smartness that charac-
terises the force. The principal
alterations are:

The belt of the greatcoat is to
be abolished, except for four to
six inches in the middle of the
back; and

The serge tunic is to be cut so
as to fit more into the waist.

It may be recalled that a few
years ago a leather belt was worn
outside the greatcoat, but this
occasionally proved a source of
danger, for in a "rough and tumb-
le" a policeman, outnumbered by
hooligans, was sometimes seized by
the belt from behind. The present
type of cloth belt, forming part of
the coat itself, was accordingly
instituted.

Experience has shown that this
cloth belt tends to cause a wrink-
ling in the front that sometimes
prevents the coat from hanging
neatly. In future there will be a
false belt in the middle of the back,
and it will serve to take up some
of the fulness from the shoulders.
It will, of course, be stitched to
the coat throughout its length of
four to six inches.

When wearing the serge tunic
the policeman of the future is to
have a waist. The change in the
cut of the tunic will, probably, add
greatly to the appearance of the
younger men.

Time was when the policeman
was of round proportions, but
nowadays he is generally a man of
athletic figure, to which the pre-
sent neck-like tunic does scant jus-
tice. Hence the new tunic is to be
"waisted."

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A NAVAL SECRET

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WORLD'S LARGEST
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It is now permissible to mention
a feature of the armament of the
battleships Nelson and Rodney,
which has hitherto been one of
the Navy's most jealously-guarded
secrets.

Each of these ships has two tubes
for discharging 24in. torpedoes, the
largest in existence. Beyond their
diameter no particulars of these
gigantic "tin fish" can be dis-
closed, but it may be taken for
granted that in range and explo-
sive power they are quite unique.

With the exception of a few old
submarines all our other fighting
ships are equipped with the 21in.
torpedo, which is a very formidable
weapon. Presumably the main ob-
ject in developing a 24in. torpedo
was to obtain greater destructive
power, in order to defeat the elab-
orate system of underwater protec-
tion in modern ships.

But to furnish Nelson and Rod-
ney with these large and exceed-
ingly costly weapons was an act of
doubtful wisdom. War experience
demonstrated the uselessness of tor-
pedo tubes in big ships, and in such
vessels they are an anachronism.

A Hit at Jutland.

Our earliest torpedoes were of
15in. diameter, with a small "war
head," i.e., explosive charge. They
were not only very limited in range
and speed, but were decidedly
erratic, and almost as dangerous to
friend as to foe. Later the di-
ameter was increased to 18in., and
guncock torpedoes of this size
were largely used by our sub-
marines during the war.

They were not entirely reliable,
and many a British submarine cap-
tain, after manoeuvring for hours,
to get a shot at a German warship,
had the mortification of seeing his
carefully-aimed torpedoes run wild.
When hits were secured on big Ger-
man vessels, their robust under-
water protection generally saved
them from mortal injury.

In the night fighting at Jutland
our destroyers fired 21in. torpedoes,
some of which got home with spec-
tacular results. The battleship Pom-
ern, hit abreast of the magazines,
went up in one tremendous explo-
sion.

Towards the end of the war the
Germans produced a 23.5in. tor-
pedo for the special purpose of
arming an "iron division" of
twelve big destroyers. These were
to have formed the spearhead of
the High Sea Fleet's light forces
in the great North Sea battle for
which the Germans were prepar-
ing all through the summer of 1918.
But the building of these super-
destroyers was delayed, and as the
projected action did not come off,
the new torpedo was never tested.

Since the war new types of tor-
pedo have been evolved at home and
abroad, but so far as is known ours
is the only Navy which possesses a
24in. "fish." As small torpedoes
are now priced at nearly £3,000
apiece, the cost of these huge and
complicated weapons must be stag-
gering.

BEAUTY QUEEN
MURDERESS.

TWENTY YEARS' HARD
LABOUR.

Paris.—Georgette Hodot, former
beauty queen of Paris, was sen-
tenced to 20 years' hard labour by
the Seine Assizes for murdering
her lover, Isaac Eichisky, an
American jewel broker. After half
an hour's absence the jury found a
verdict of wilful homicide with
premeditation, but considered that
there were extenuating circum-
stances.

The murder was committed last
June. Eichisky, who apparently is
described as an American because
he occasionally went to New York
on business, had gone into a chem-
ist's shop, when Mlle. Hodot sud-
denly appeared beside him and
fired two shots, killing him out-
right. She threw herself upon the
body uttering endearing epithets,
but soon straightened herself, and
arranged her hat more becomingly
before the police arrested her.

It appeared in evidence that
Eichisky had broken off relations
with her in February, 1928, as he
was about to be married, and had
paid her the sum of 20,000 francs
to soften the blow.

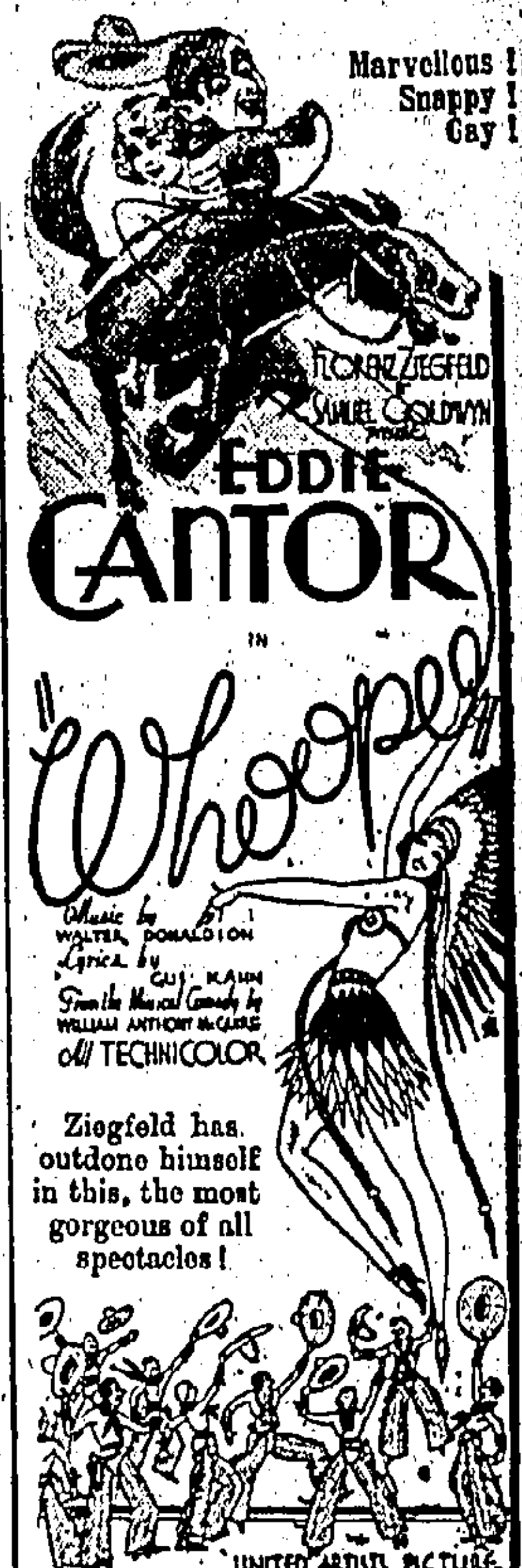
Georgette Hodot demanded
200,000 francs, telling him that he
would have no peace until she was
satisfied. She persecuted him with-
out remission, and sent him news-
paper cuttings describing the acquit-
tal of men and women accused of
"crimes-passionals."

The newspaper accounts of her
own trial, however, will fail to re-
cord the denouement which she
expected.

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STABILISATION!

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—There is a struggle going on in this Colony at the present moment between legitimate business men and speculators. It is a struggle of life and death, of right and wrong, of business and gambling. On the outcome of this struggle hangs the future welfare of the whole Colony, and it is superfluous to emphasize that no community can exist on a gambling basis—particularly a community such as Hong Kong.

With the exception of gamblers in exchange—even they have amongst them some sufferers who do not deserve our pity—people in every walk of life and in business of every kind have suffered terribly because of the unstable dollar, and yet the speculators for their own selfish end, persist in arguing for silver standard and ignoring the advantage of stabilization. Their most important and, simultaneously, most foolish argument is that Hong Kong must follow China. This foolish argument was put forward in approximately the same way by speculators in the hygone days when Philippine Islands, the Straits Settlements, Malaya, etc., tried to stabilize their currencies; only they put as a substitute the words "Far East" for the word "China." I need not inform my readers how these various places have been getting along since uncertainty was removed from their currencies. The pity in Hong Kong is that the speculators in its midst are mostly influential people of the community, therefore, their words have more weight. But since the Currency Mission is for impartial investigation, I hope nothing but the prosperity and welfare of the community will be taken into consideration. Right after all is right and must eventually win a hearing.

Besides, we have tried silver standard long enough and the result is what it is to-day. It does not pay to stick blindly to it and it is only fair to give gold standard a chance. To say that gold standard will ruin the trade of Hong Kong without even giving it a trial is too cowardly to require any comment. We know one thing, however, what gold standard will ruin, and that is, it will ruin the game of exchange speculation. A certain compromise which has made much ill-gotten gain from exchange gambling is now giving all the publicity he can to fight against stabilization. Let us remember that the oldest monarchy in the world has had to bow to the will of the majority and that its fall has been caused by pens, therefore, let us fight this compromise and his gang with our mightiest instrument—our pens! Let us do not remain passive! Do not let them crucify us on a cross of silver! Do not forget that everything is at stake and that to allow the speculators to win is equivalent to allow ourselves and posterity to be murdered by them! They are ruthless; they are merciless; and we must struggle with them with all our might or be crushed forever! The most critical moment has arrived and let all unselfish citizens of Hong Kong do their duty for the future prosperity of Hong Kong by stamping out gambling in exchange once for all!

L. S. C.
Hong Kong, April 23.

THE CURRENCY PETITION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The letter which has been drafted for forwarding to the Currency Commission, requesting them to stabilize the Hong Kong dollar at 2/- is not nearly ambitious enough. After all, if it is such a simple matter as the author of the letter appears to believe, to fix our dollar at 2/- by means of a loan, why not make the loan rather bigger and stabilize at 4/-?

I propose to enlist support among all the disgruntled members of the community who would like to see the dollar stabilized at 4/-, and to place a petition to this effect in various places where it may be signed by all and sundry: at the Star Ferry, Peak Tram Station, the sweet-stuff shops, and the public bars. The following is the draft of the petition:

"Gentlemen—We, the Below-Mentioned Individuals, representing all those who would like to receive Something for Nothing, and make the Community pay for it, preferably in The Second or Third Generation, are convinced that the Dollar should be Stabilised, preferably at 4/- for the Following Reasons:—

We should only have to pay a Quarter as much for our Goods, as we do at present which will Compensate us for what we have Lost since the Dollar fell from 2/-.

It is unthinkable that the Commission could be foolish enough to believe the Assertions that this would Injure Trade; they are indeed Fallacious; they are made solely by Tourists, Brokers and Uncharitable Folk; whereas this petition represents the Unanimous Opinion of all the Merchants, Investors and Traders of the Colony.

If the Dollar were stabilised at 4/-, the Government would save \$12,000,000 a year on their Budget Sterling Commitments, and this Considerable Sum will be available to pay the Cost of Stabilisation.

If this Sum were insufficient, it would be possible to raise a Stabilisation Loan, and with this it would be Perfectly Simple to fix Our Dollar at 4/-.

The figure of 4/- is a Very Convenient One, because there would then be Five Dollars to The Pound, and we should be practically the same as the American Dollar.

We append our signatures and remain, etc., I have already secured the support of The Cupid Co., Matrimonial Agents, Mr. Lok Po, Engineer, Muck & Truck, Ltd., Importers of Reads and Brassieres, and the well-known Investor, Mr. Windfall.—Yours, etc.,

WHOOPEE.

Hong Kong, April 23.

"BUS SERVICES" AT KWANTAI.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With the railway catastrophe still fresh in the minds of your readers, I wonder if I may be permitted a little space to draw attention to another traffic service to which the public is subjected at regular intervals.

I have in mind the bus service that is operated between the Fanning Railway Station, and the Kwanti Race Course when there is a race meeting at Kwanti. Some of these buses are apparently improvised from lorries. They are overcrowded, and no check whatever seems to be made on the number of passengers carried by each vehicle. Standing in the buses seems to be the rule rather than the exception, and the speed these vehicles maintain on the narrow road is amazing. The possibility of making two trips from the railway station to the race course in about half an hour is the incentive for speeding.

Nor are things any better when the races are over and passengers attempt to get from the race course to the railway station. The scramble for a place on a bus is so great that the conductor is helpless in coping with the rush. Nothing so far appears to have been done to improve matters although this state of affairs has been going on for some time. Are we to wait until some serious accident occurs before the proper steps are taken by those responsible for the safe conveyance of passengers to and from the Kwanti Race Course?—Yours faithfully,

KWANTI-ITE.

Hong Kong, April 23.

DRUG TRAFFIC ON RIVIERA.

SEARCH FOR ENGLISH CROOKS.

Nice.—Kramer Barnett, an Englishman who is said to be wanted in connection with the drug traffic on the Riviera, has been offered a free pardon by the police if he will inform them of the source of his drug supply.

Barnett, who comes from London, and has been a chauffeur, tourist, tout and barman, should have presented himself to the police, but disappeared.

According to the police, Barnett is known to be connected with Chas, the Irish lookmaker who is under arrest on drug-peddling charges. He had three accomplices, who have now disappeared. Barnett was in possession of a number of forged notes for large amounts, a forged Canadian passport, and a quantity of morphine.

So serious has the drug traffic become here that the police are thinking of organising a special squad to deal with it.

They are also hoping to round up a gang of seven confidence tricksters, who have been working the Riviera during the winter, principally at the race-courses, casinos, and hotels. This gang is composed of two Irishmen, three Englishmen, an American and an Australian.

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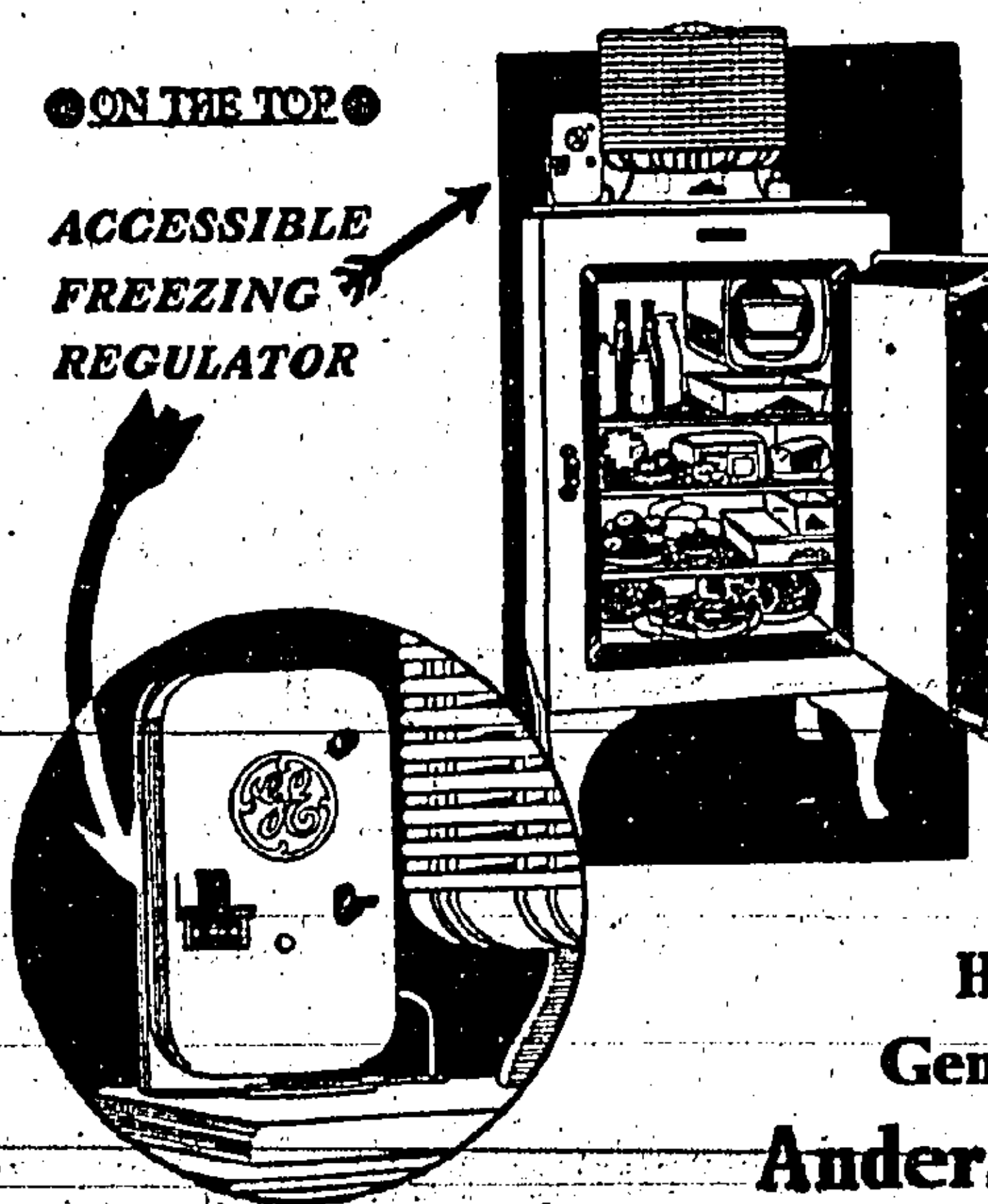
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DAVID HOUSE.

THE SHATIN TRAIN SMASH.

TWO MORE BODIES EXTRICATED.

WRECKAGE NOT TO BE BURNED.

It was reported yesterday that the gang of coolies who were engaged in the train wreck at Shatin had gone on strike, but enquiries made at the Railway offices elicited the reply that this was not the case. Mr. Walker, the acting manager, told our representative that originally there were forty coolies at work on the scene. With the idea of expediting operations, another fifty were sent out but when the latter got there, they refused to start work, giving no reason for their attitude. The original gang, however, are still hard at it.

Mr. Walker added that of the three bodies which were pinned under the wreck, two have been recovered, both males, one of them a schoolboy travelling on a scholar's ticket. Regarding the third body Mr. Walker said that the news that this has been extricated might come through any minute. "We do not intend burning up the wreck," concluded Mr. Walker, "there is every hope of taking things to pieces and removing them and we are going to try and do that."

The number of persons killed is now officially fixed at 11. Nine of these were killed on the scene of the accident and two died subsequently in hospital. Nine of the injured are still in hospital.

LOCAL PROBATES.

THREE ESTATES PROVED.

Estate in Hong Kong worth 631,700 was left by Mr. Frederick Leonard Pyne, formerly of 3, Pavett Street, Redcliffe Gardens, Kensington, Middlesex, who died at The Furse, Cornhampton Road, Pokesdown Hill, Bournemouth, on August 5, 1930. Gross value of estate in Great Britain amounts to £2,634 7s. 2d.

Re-sealing of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors. Everything is bequeathed to the widow.

Mr. Archibald Scott Brown, marine insurance broker, late of Three Square Exchange, Glasgow, who died at Mythenquai, Kilmarcol, Scotland, on April 4, 1929, left an estate of £2,500 in Hong Kong and £40,550 in Great Britain. Re-sealing of documents in connection with the trust disposition and settlement of the estate has been granted to Mr. H. C. Macnamara, of Messrs. Deacons.

Local estate worth 84,000 was left by Osman Mohamed Sadick, formerly a clerk employed by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, who died at 81, Lee Gardens Street on March 10, 1931. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Lau Yuk Wa.

RETURN OF FUGITIVE ORDERED.

ARGUMENT ON POINTS OF LAW.

The case in which Tan Ka Tin, a Tuenkiese, who is wanted in Rangoon for an alleged breach of trust involving the sum of Rs. 75,000, was again before Mr. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo for the defendant put forward several arguments on points of law but Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (for the police) told the Court that all the points Mr. Lo cited had been met by the police.

The police escort from Rangoon, Sub-Inspector Li Ting Ping, then swore to the validity of the warrant after which the Court ordered the return of the fugitive in the custody of the witness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MR. W. H. BELL ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

At a meeting of the General Committee held after the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Mr. W. H. Bell was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN.

AWARDS TO TEAM CAPTAINS AND WORKERS.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. members held a dinner party at the South China Restaurant in China Building last evening to commemorate the most successful financial campaign in its history and to award to team captains and workers prizes by Mr. Sun Fo, the Nanking Minister of Railways, Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, H.E. Chen Ming Shu, the Civil Governor of Canton, and Mr. H. H. Kung, the Nanking Minister of Industry.

Before calling on Mr. Chang Kon Sang, of Messrs. Sincere Co., to give away the silver cups, beautiful pictorial scrolls, etc., the Chairman, Mr. J. D. Bush, addressing the gathering of over a hundred, said: "We gather here this evening to exchange congratulations on the gratifying results of the financial campaign just ended the other day. According to records of the Y.M.C.A., the General Secretary tells me, the achievement attained this year represents the highest in its history. To the fifteen team captains and seven hundred workers, the Y.M.C.A. owe a deep debt of gratitude. Above all, the Y.M.C.A. are especially grateful to the generous donors and contributors to the financial campaign."

Social Service for Others.

"It all goes to prove that notwithstanding the hard times, the serious depression of trade and the drop in the dollar, our mind can still be devoted to social service and the ethical life of the Colony. Moral law is, no doubt, as absolutely fundamental to social life as natural law to physical existence. Those of us who contribute in any way, small or large, towards the moral health of society may be regarded as good workmen in the general life of humanity. Ultimately the things that count the most in a man's brief existence on earth is qualitative—the essential moral character and the tremendous moral responsibility of the individual. The quantitative, which represent the thousand devices for killing time and space and for bringing physical enjoyment and security for the general run of mankind are but means to an end—the higher life of the human race. Life is a growth—a growth away from the imperfect towards perfect education and culture."

"The programme of social service for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. this year is to promote public health among the poor, to carry on rural work among the farmers in the New Territories in connection with the New Territories Agricultural Association and to build up an adequate library in the Y.M.C.A. to meet the need of boys in the day and evening schools."

A flash night photograph was taken later of the large gathering.

DUTIABLE TOBACCO.

CHINESE CHARGED AT KOWLOON COURT.

The hearing was continued yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court, of the case in which Lai Tak Hang is charged with (a) having in his possession 700 pounds of tobacco which had been illegally imported, manufactured or moved; (b) having in his possession the aforesaid without having paid duty thereon.

Two other Chinese defendants were before the Magistrate on the second charge.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted, and Mr. D. B. Evans appeared for the second and third defendants.

Second defendant, a lorry driver, said that on April 12, first defendant engaged him in Portland Street, and arranged that he should drive out to the New Territories at 3 a.m. the next morning and collect some goods. He went as far as Chung Shui and loaded some goods on to his lorry. He did not know what the goods were, but thought they might have been tea-leaves.

On the way back he was held up by Revenue Officer Pearce, and a Chinese Revenue Officer. The Chinese Revenue Officer told him that the lorry had been stopped because it was suspected that there was tobacco on board. Witness stated that it was the first time that he knew that the load was tobacco.

The owner of the lorry said that on April 12 second defendant took the lorry out without asking permission. This, however, was quite in order.

The case was adjourned until next Monday.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

YESTERDAY'S CELEBRATIONS.

CONCERT AND CEREMONY AT CENOTAPH.

Despite weather that was more typical of England than of Hong Kong at this time of year, St. George's Day celebrations were held successfully, except that "The Retreat", which was to have taken place on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground had to be postponed.

In the morning, officials and members of the Committee of St. George's Society gathered at the Cenotaph where a wreath was laid. Those present included:—Mr. E. Cock (President), Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin (Vice-President), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. T. E. Pearce (Past Presidents), Messrs. C. B. Johnson, F. C. Hall, L. C. F. Bellamy, W. A. Cornell, E. F. Auctott, and F. J. Sherwell (Committee), and Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Secretary).

Capt. T. A. H. Cullman, A.D.C. to the Governor, also laid a wreath on behalf of His Excellency.

THE CONCERT.

The Lee Theatre was full of Service men who were the guests of St. George's Society yesterday evening. No better way than this, which has become a tradition, could be found by the St. George's Society of celebrating the day of the Patron Saint of England. Our country, as the President of the Society pointed out in his speech, largely owes its greatness to her sailors and soldiers, and that the men of H.M.'s Services should be specially remembered and honoured on this day is a recognition of the fact that they are helping to preserve what their forefathers have won.

The programme was opened by the band of H.M.S. Hercules, with "Old Comrades" followed by a selection of old English melodies. Miss V. Capell and three of her clever pupils next took the stage and "brought down the house" with their dance "Coquette". Mrs. Doves-Smith charmed her audience with two charming little songs, and was followed by Mr. W. J. Geall, as a Yorkshire Philosopher.

Then came Messrs. Winram and True, who gave a clever exhibition of modern music on two grand pianos, and to close the first part of the programme, Mrs. Doves-Smith, Mr. Portliff, Mr. Anniss and Mr. Barton gave a delightful rendering of a couple of quartettes from "Flora's Holiday". The second part of the programme followed on similar lines, and ended with the singing by artists and audience of "Land of Hope and Glory" and "God Save the King".

ENGLAND AND THE ENGLISH.

During the interval the President of St. George's Society (Mr. E. C. Cock) extended a hearty welcome to the Service men present and gave a stirring address on the subject of England.

Mr. Cock said:—The first privilege which falls to the President of St. George's Society during his year of office is that of welcoming the men of His Majesty's Forces here to-night.

This concert is only made possible by the combined efforts of the Concert Sub-Committee, particularly Major Dowbiggin and Mr. Labrum, together with the artists who have so kindly come forward to amuse and entertain us. To Mr. Richard Lee and the Directors of the Lee Hysan Estate Company, we are deeply grateful for the loan of this fine theatre.

We also thank the British-American Tobacco Company and John D. Hutchison & Co. for their gifts of cigarettes and the ladies who have distributed them.

In England, now the sun begins to show his face, the daffodils carpet the river valleys, the primroses and violets sit demurely in the hedgerows, the young green appears on tree and field and nature and hope stir again.

The glory of the countryside makes its deep appeal to each one of us and the glory of our country is unsurpassed.

I don't suppose it is a new thought to you but I always fancy that the climate of a country reflects itself in the characteristics of its inhabitants. With our variable climate, how then shall we describe ourselves? We are mixed! We blow neither hot nor cold, we are not too lazy, fond of sport, more warm than enthusiastic—in short we are temperate.

Chaucer in 1370 laid the foundations of our style of works, Chaucer printed it 500 years ago, Shakespeare one hundred and fifty years later glorified it and you and I and half the population of the globe use it in our daily intercourse.

We have our high points, our great men and women, and if I were to catalogue them to you, you would need to celebrate St. George's Day for a fortnight and you!

(Continued on next column.)

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

CROUCHER & CO'S DAILY REPORT.

There was a fresh burst of activity in the market and price movements in the favourite shares were rather irregular.

The rise in Lands to \$98 was not maintained and there were sellers at \$87 for the settlement, with buyers for forward shares at \$93 1/2 June.

China Providents improved on general all round buying to \$5.30 cash, \$5.60 June, while Wharves were neglected.

Dairy Farms were booked at \$26.00, Watsons \$15, Lane, Crawford at \$5.90 and Constructions at \$7.

Ropes opened at \$18 1/2 in the morning but at the close of the day were done at rates up to \$18 1/2 July.

A lot of business has recently been done in Cements and the cash rate improved to \$18.70 but there were shares offering later at \$19 July.

Among the Utilities, Trams and Electric were in good demand and any shares offering were quickly taken off the market, sales taking place at \$18.30 and \$78 1/2.

Telephones suffered further recession, business being done at \$19.

Shipping shares are attracting attention and Douglas's and Steamboats are inquired for both for cash and forward delivery.

Banks are neglected, the London Register shares being down to £100, but the local market has not declined in sympathy. Unions were booked at \$62 1/2.

Hotels were very active, there being a sustained demand for shares at \$14.70 cash and \$15.00 June and \$15.15 July.

wouldn't want to hear anything more about the English for the rest of your lives.

The Open Sea.

Up to the time of the Spanish Armada, England concerned itself chiefly with the Continent of Europe which it was, as geographically it is, an appendage. But the defeat of the Armada put us on the open sea and we have a long line of sailors who, when they were not buccaneering and privateering, pushed their way in all directions over the face of the waters.

We are not only sailors, the eternal snows of Everest as well as the ice of the Poles guard the bones of the English. The Tropics and the temperate regions know us. The sailors were the pioneers, they were generally accompanied by the soldiers who did the fighting in the ships as well as on shore in the old days, and it was only after they had done their stuff that the business men, Government, policemen and men of arts came along. That is the way our Empire was built and that also the way our small Colony grew up and those who make a pilgrimage to that small cemetery on Stanley Peninsula will understand better than I can hope to tell them.

This is England's day.

This is sufficient for us to celebrate it, it is the day on which Shakespeare was born and on which he died. That alone would make it famous but there is another reason it is never to be forgotten. On 23rd April, 1018, the combined forces of the Navy and Royal Marines, with the old battle cry of "St. George for England," attacked and blocked the submarine rat hole of Zebrugge.

Cornwall.

We have our Yorkshire tykes, Shropshire lads, Hampshire hogs, Men of Kent, Devonshire Dumpplings and our Cousin Jacks, from my own County. We started being mixed in Cornwall when the Phoenicians came for tin, we continued by marrying the crews of the Armada or of any other ships which missed the hole at the entrance of the English Channel, we were smugglers and wreckers and yet—we may have a message for England.

Cornwall is shaped like a shoe, it points in the way that civilisation and power has marched around the world. Perhaps, who knows, it may yet lead England with her best foot foremost, and perhaps the Cornish motto may yet guide our noble land through her present tribulations, for the Cornish motto is "One and All."

MESSAGES.

The following message was received from London:—

"Parent Society sends warmest wishes for happiness and prosperity of Hong Kong branch."

Cable messages of greetings were despatched to—Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Kobe, Singapore, Ipoh, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, New York, Vancouver, Brisbane, Mackay (Queensland), and London.

In addition to the London message greetings were received from Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Mackay (Queensland), Murray Bridge (South Australia), Canton, Shanghai. Also from Messrs. Moxon and Dowley (both Past Presidents) at Vancouver en route to England.

KWANGTUNG'S CIVIL GOVERNOR.

RETURN FROM INSPECTION TOUR.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

CANTON, April 23.

General Chen Ming Shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, has returned to Canton after a tour of inspection in the West River districts. He arrived at Canton by special train from Shamsui at 4.40 yesterday afternoon.

In an interview with Pressmen, General Chen Ming Shu told of his personal investigations in the local administrations of different districts along the West River.

TORRENTIAL RAINS IN KWANGTUNG.

RAILWAY AND HIGHWAYS DAMAGED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 23.

The recent torrential downpour has wrought considerable damage to highways and crops in various parts of Kwangtung.

The military bridge at Shikwan is completely washed away, and large areas on either side of the North River are inundated, causing considerable damage.

The highway leading from Cheung Muk Tau station to Waichow is washed out in several places, and part of it is submerged.

The Canton-Kowloon Railway has suspended its regular service to Cheung Muk Tau, pending repairs to the railway.

The Kwong-Poon-Fa highway leading from Canton to Faisien in the North River district is also washed out in several places. Bus services along this road have also been suspended, but traffic is expected to be resumed shortly.

IF OPERATIONS ARE DANGEROUS.

SHOULD A PATIENT BE WARNED?

Paris.—A case raising issues of supreme importance to the surgical profession is before the French courts. Briefly it hinges on the question whether or not a surgeon is bound to warn his patient of the possible dangers of an operation.

A Mme. Le Guen, being gravely concerned about the state of her right calf, consulted Dr. Dujarrier, a hospital surgeon of considerable reputation, and asked him to reduce it to more comely proportions. He performed an operation, but gangrene supervened, and a fortnight later the patient had to have the leg amputated.

She was awarded £1,000 damages by the Seine Tribunal. The doctor, backed by professional associations, appealed to the higher court, which listened to arguments of intense interest on one side or the other.

The Public Prosecutor contended that only in the event of the patient having been warned of the danger was such an operation permissible.

"But," said the surgeon, "Mme. Le Guen begged me on her knees to operate. Her ungainly calf, as she called it, had become a veritable obsession to her."

"That is no argument," retorted the Public Prosecutor. "Where should we be if surgeons gave way to all the caprices of their patients?" "Obsession," he added, "is a disease of itself, and needs to be treated by a psychiatrist; it is a question of mental medicine."

A submission made by Counsel representing the profession was that "a patient has a right to dispose as he or she will of his or her own body."

Judgment is reserved.

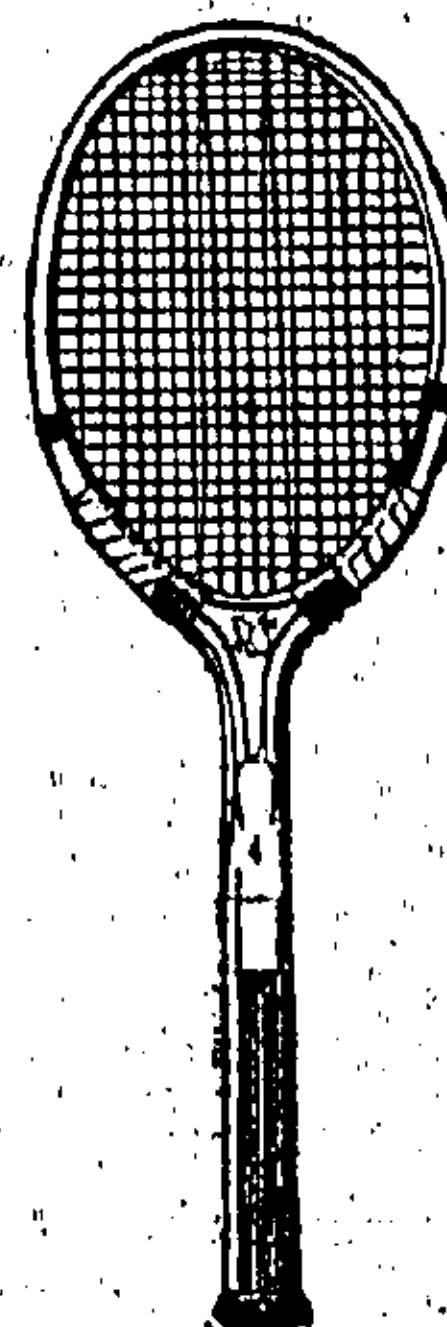
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ORGAN RECITAL ON SUNDAY EVENING.

The following will be the items of an organ recital at the Cathedral following evensong on Sunday next, April 26:—

Tugue in D minor (The "Giant"). Bach.
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SHANGHAI FOREIGN SETTLEMENT.

JUSTICE FEETHAM'S REPORT NOW READY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NANKING, April 23. The long-expected report of Mr. Justice Feetham is now ready, the first volume of which, consisting of nearly 300 pages, embodies a historical and descriptive survey of the general position relative to the government of the Foreign Settlement, also the various aspects of Shanghai's position as a business centre and the factors to which that position is due.

The second volume, which will be ready three weeks later, deals directly with the main political questions affecting the Settlement and proposals and suggestions for its future constitution.

The public are manifesting lively anticipations regarding the precise nature of the coming recommendations, and there is distinct uneasiness on the Stock Exchange and in other business circles lest there is a possible tendency to move too fast in the direction of discarding safeguards and guarantees.

REDS RAIDED IN HEILUNGKIANG.

RELATIONS WITH THIRD INTERNATIONALE.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

NANKING, April 23. A number of "Red" dens were raided by the local authorities at Taitshar, Heilungkiang, yesterday. As a result large quantities of "Red" literature were seized revealing relations between the Third Internationale and the Chinese Communists in Manchuria.

ALL-CHINA AVIATION CONFERENCE.

THREE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

(Chun Wan Yat Pao.)

NANKING, April 23. The All-China Aviation Conference, which is now in session at Nanking, adopted the following resolutions yesterday afternoon:—

(1) The unification of civil aviation administration throughout the whole country.

(2) Arrangements to be made for working out a national air defence scheme in the north-western provinces.

(3) Greater efforts to be made for securing the co-operation of the people in developing the civil aviation service.

SINO-SOVIET CONFERENCE.

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY PROBLEM.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, April 23. Good progress marked the fourth meeting of the Moscow Conference on Thursday, when Moh Teh Hui continued to discuss with the Russian delegates the purchasing by the Nationalist Government of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Russian delegates suggest that the preliminary negotiations should first be confined to the price which the Chinese Government is willing to pay to cover expenses incurred in connection with the construction of this railway before proceeding with the legal procedure governing the restoration of the line to Chinese administration.

The Nanking Government has appointed two experts on Sino-Russian problems to proceed to Moscow to assist Moh Teh Hui. The question of purchasing the railway will be considered by a committee of Chinese delegates who will centre their attention on the settlement of the C.E.R. dispute, while the question of restoration of Sino-Russian political relations will be studied by another committee of delegates.

YANGTZE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER.

REAR-ADMIRAL ROSE APPOINTED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 22. Rear-Admiral F. Rose has been appointed Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze, in succession to Rear-Admiral C. K. McLean, to date from August 28.

EXTRALITY IN CHINA.

ANGLO-CHINESE AGREEMENT REPORT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 23. The Foreign Office is ignorant of the reports from China with regard to the imminent agreement between Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. C. T. Wang in regard to extrality.

All that is known here is that the discussions are proceeding.

Opportunity for House of Commons Debate.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

London, April 22. Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson said that the only negotiations now proceeding with the Chinese Government concerned extrality.

If, as he hoped, the negotiations proved successful, they would result in a treaty, and, in accordance with the usual practice, there would be an opportunity to debate it in the House of Commons before ratification.

Future of Shanghai.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne asked whether the question of the future of Shanghai was included in the negotiations, and Mr. Henderson replied that he had had that point in his mind, but was not in a position to make any statement at present.

"Secret Diplomacy."

Mr. Wardlaw Milne urged that the House be entitled to some information "before any negotiations are conducted with a Government which is quite incapable of looking after its own nationals, far less the British."

Mr. Henderson replied, "That is another matter."

A Labour member asked, "Is not this secret diplomacy again?" Mr. Henderson asked for due notice of a question by Mr. Geoffrey Lockyer Lampson as to whether the negotiations were being carried on on the basis of the report issued by the Extra-Territorial Mission a few years ago.

Sino-Norwegian Agreement Signed.

NANKING, April 23. It is understood that the Sino-Norwegian Extrality Agreement was signed at 3.30 to-day by Dr. C. T. Wang and the Norwegian Minister, M. Aubert.

Sino-Dutch Agreement.

The Sino-Dutch Extrality Agreement is to be signed this evening by Dr. C. T. Wang and Sir W. J. Oudendijk.

The details have not yet been made public.

HONG KONG'S CORPSE BESTREWN STREETS!

COLONY AGAIN IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 22. The finding of corpses of children in the streets of Hong Kong was again given attention in the House of Commons when Mr. Graham White asked whether "Seeing that some official information is available with regard to 1,724 out of 1,851 corpses of children, aged three and under, picked up in Hong Kong in 1929," Dr. Shiels would call for a report on the remaining 127 corpses, and whether in any case death was due to violence.

Dr. Shiels replied that out of the 127 bodies, 98 were children of over three years, and 29 were infants of unknown sex.

In reply to an enquiry by Lord Passfield, the Governor had stated that in no case was it found that death was due to violence. The deaths of 531 children were apparently due to small-pox.

LEEWARD-WINDWARD ISLANDS' FINANCES.

DEPRESSION IN SUGAR INDUSTRY.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has, with the concurrence of the Treasury, appointed Sir Sydney Arncliffe-Smith to undertake a Mission to the Leeward Islands and to Saint Lucia, in the Windward Islands, as Financial Adviser.

He will submit a report on the revenue and expenditure and examine the possibility of improving the financial position of the Colonies in question, the difficulties of which are due mainly to the depression in the sugar industry and the hurricane in Dominica last September.

He will also, with the Chief Justice of the Leeward Islands, form a Commission about to be appointed to enquire into the recent disturbances in the Carib Reserve in Dominica.

TOKYO WORKERS HUNGER STRIKING.

DEMAND REINSTATEMENT OF DISCHARGED COMRADE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, April 23. Since Tuesday 200 workers in the Japan Dyeing and Weaving Co. have been on a hunger strike demanding the reinstatement of one of their discharged comrades.

The strikers have locked themselves in a godown, neither working nor eating, although the management and sympathisers have taken food to them.

Two hundred women working in the same factory have started a "go slow" strike in sympathy.

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL. EQUALISING CONDITIONS FOR RICH AND POOR.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. The Commons to-day resumed consideration of the Electoral Reform Bill, which had not been before the House since the defeat of the Government before the recess on the clause abolishing University representation, and debated the clause prohibiting the use of motor-cars on polling day except those placed at the disposal of the returning officers.

Opposition Speakers declared the provision unworkable. In reply, the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, while not claiming perfect draftsmanship for the clause, said the Government's object was to equalise conditions for poor and rich candidates.

AGRICULTURAL LAND UTILISATION BILL.

REJECTED BY LARGE MAJORITY IN LORDS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. The House of Lords tonight rejected, by large majorities, the two first clauses in the Government's Agricultural Land Utilisation Bill, which provided for the establishment of large scale farming and demonstration farms.

MEERUT COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY CASE.

BAIL GRANTED TO TWO ACCUSED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ALLAHABAD, April 23. For the first time since the beginning of the Meerut Communist conspiracy case in June, 1929, involving three Europeans and 28 Indians, the Court to-day granted bail to two of the accused, Nimkar and H. L. Hutcheson, conditionally upon their abstaining from political activities pending the proceedings.

"JACK THE RIPPER" ASSASSIN.

NINE TIMES SENTENCED TO DEATH.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DUSSELDORF, April 22. Peter Kuerten, the self-confessed "Jack the Ripper" murderer, has been sentenced to death nine times; also to 15 years' imprisonment, for attempted murder; deprivation of civil rights for life and perpetual police supervision.

It is not certain whether Kuerten will be guillotined or the death sentences commuted.

The decision rests with the Prussian Government.

PROFESSIONAL BIGAMIST.

"WIFE IN EVERY PORT" TRADITION OUTDONE.

Sentenceing Edward Charles Gardner, of Holloway, N., to 18 months' imprisonment in the second division at the Old Bailey the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., said:—

"Talk about a sailor having a wife in every port! You seem to think you can have a wife in every place you choose to live. All the time you were going about marrying at will you were preaching at street corners, although I don't let that weigh with me. You have become a professional bigamist."

It was stated that in 1915 Gardner, who was then a widower, was legally married in Manchester. He left his wife nine months later and in June, 1925, "married" Mrs. Florence Parlett at Canonbury, N. After a few months he left her, and in December, 1925, he "married" at Islington, N., Mrs. Mee Brown, a divorced woman.

GENSAN MARU AT KURILES.

ALL ON BOARD REPORTED SAFE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, April 23. The steamer Gensan Maru arrived at Paramushiro, in the Kuriles, yesterday.

All on board are safe. A Tokyo telegram of April 17 stated that the steamer Gensan Maru, chartered by the Soviet Government, carrying 412 Russians and 140 Japanese fishermen from Hakodate to Kamchatka, had wireless stating that the vessel had been caught in an ice floe since the 14th inst., and was unable to extricate herself.

Though the vessel's position was precarious, there was apparently no immediate danger, and provisions were reported to be plentiful.

KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.

PROTECTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 22. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Samuel asked what steps Mr. Henderson was taking to see that British interests in the Chinese Kailan Mining Company were fairly treated in relation to transport facilities over the Peiping-Mukden Railway.

Mr. Henderson replied that Sir Miles Lampson was in close touch with the Kailan management. Representations had been made to the Chinese authorities, and he would continue to do his utmost to assist.

DISORDERS IN SAMOA.

TRADING FIRM CONVICTED AND FINED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

APIA (Samoa), April 22. As a sequel to the disorders in Samoa in 1927, the Nelson Company, Limited, a large trading organisation in Samoa, has been convicted on 28 charges under the Seditious Organisations Ordinance, and fined £260 on each charge.

AUSTRALIAN AIR MAIL ROUTE.

WHY FLYING BOATS ARE NOT USED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 22. Replying to a question by Comdr. Kenworthy in the House of Commons, as to why flying boats were not used on the Singapore-Port Darwin section of the Australian air mail route, Mr. Montague said that land planes were being used because the route through the Dutch Indies was organised for land planes only.

He pointed out that a Dutch company was already operating a route with land planes. The establishment of a regular service was still being discussed, but the use of flying boats would necessitate a reorganisation involving an additional expenditure, instead of taking advantage of facilities already existing.

Comdr. Kenworthy pointed out that flying boats were used on the Mediterranean portion of the route, and Mr. Montague reiterated that the organisation of the Australian air mail route was lacking, but added that the matter would be reconsidered when the question of a regular service arose.

BRITAIN-ROME FLIGHT.

CAPTAIN HAWKS HAS A FORCED LANDING.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. Captain Frank Hawks, who set out from Heston Aerodrome early today to fly to Rome and back in one day, made a forced landing 150 kilometres south of Paris to-night.

He was not injured and will complete the flight to-morrow.

He reached Rome about noon, having travelled at an average speed of 174 miles an hour.

Flight to Egypt. One of the Iris flying boats which left Britain on March 24 on a flight to Egypt and back returned to Plymouth to-day.

The second boat is still at St. Nazaire.

NEW SOUTH WALES SAVINGS BANK.

ABSORPTION BY COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SYDNEY, April 22. The New South Wales Cabinet has decided to introduce and pass through all its stages on April 28 a Bill giving effect to proposals for the absorption of the New South Wales State Savings Bank by the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

The Board of the Commonwealth Bank has made the Bank's assistance to the New South Wales Savings Bank conditional on the New South Wales Government agreeing to adopt a certain course of action drawn up by the Board. Messrs. Latham and Lyons have approved of the Commonwealth Bank's action, as likely to restore confidence in the banks throughout Australia.

Bill to Regulate Rates of Interest.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CANBERRA, April 22. The House of Representatives passed the second reading to-day of the Government's Bill regulating bank rates of interest, though the actual figure has not been fixed. Mr. J. Scullin, the Premier, declared that the control of money rates could not be left to private institutions.

The Bill is intended to prevent the banks acting independently of the Government. The interest represented 25 per cent. of the national income. It was an intolerable burden.

EARL OF ATHLONE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. The Earl of Athlone, the former Governor-General of South Africa, and Princess Alice, will arrive in London on May 9 and will stay at Kensington Palace.

GIRL GUIDES' ASSOCIATION.

ASTONISHING GROWTH OF MOVEMENT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. Princess Mary, Countess Harewood, at the annual meeting of the Girl Guides' Association at Imperial Headquarters, announced that there were now 860,000 Guides in the British Isles, an increase in a year of 40,000.

HONDURAS REBELS KILLED.

SKIRMISH BETWEEN INSURGENTS AND TROOPS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, April 22. A message from Tegucigalpa states that 29 rebels were killed in a skirmish between rebels and Government forces on the north coast of Honduras.

The Government casualties were slight.

HONOUR SATISFIED.

"GENTLEMEN'S ENDING" OF CLUB LAWSUIT.

There was an amicable ending at Sussex Assizes of the action arising out of a scene in a Brighton club.

Colonel Henry Vincent Bailey, secretary of the New Club, was sued by Mr. Davenport Fuller, Marine Parade, for damages for assault. The Colonel denied any assault and claimed damages for slander.

The matter arose out of an allegation that Mr. Fuller had suggested that some guests whom Colonel Bailey entertained would not be paid for.

Colonel Bailey admitted that he said to Mr. Fuller: "This thing is going to be settled. You are either going to write a withdrawal of the charge or I am going to give you a good hiding."

The judge suggested that to avoid bitterness and unhappy memories, the parties, like English gentlemen, should adjust the matter between themselves. As a result there was a short adjournment, and a settlement.

Counsel said that Mr. Fuller denied having made use of any words which conveyed the meaning of an accusation against Colonel Bailey. From the first he had denied it. He always had regarded Colonel Bailey as a man of honour and still so regarded him.

For Colonel Bailey, it was said: "His honour has been cleared. With regard to the incident of July 13, he wished to say he was suffering under a sense of wrong. He does not attempt to justify what he did on that day, and tenders his apologies to Mr. Fuller for what took place."

REPUBLIC OF SPAIN SITUATION.

PUNISHMENT OF KING ALFONSO UNLIKELY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, April 22. In an interview with the Madrid correspondent of *Excelsior*, Premier Zamora said it is unlikely that Spain will take steps to try King Alfonso for his alleged misdeeds, and that the question will be left to the Constituent Assembly.

Export of Capital Ceasing.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MADRID, April 23. The Finance Minister declares that the measures against the export of capital have proved most successful.

He instances that 29 people who had withdrawn money from a single establishment have now decided to restore it.

Similar reports have been received from the provinces.

Gambling to be Suppressed.

The Minister of the Interior announces that the Government intends to suppress gambling in Spain, even the casinos.

Royal Palaces.

The Royal Palaces at Seville and Barcelona have been handed over to the respective municipalities.

The War Minister has announced that all officers will be given four days in which to take the oath of fidelity to the Republic.

Spanish Warship Crews Mutiny.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MADRID, April 22. Rumours of impending trouble in the Fleet at Cartagena culminated in a mutiny of the crews of the warship *Cervantes* and two destroyers in Cadiz Harbour.

Details are lacking, but it is understood that the mutineers were overpowered and taken into custody ashore.

It is believed that the mutiny was inspired by Communists.

British Empire's Recognition.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 22. All the Governments of the Dominions have fully concurred in the decision officially to recognise the new Government in Spain, announced Mr. Henderson to-day in the House of Commons.

King Alfonso Exile.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. King Alfonso, who spent the day in London shopping and paying personal calls, is expected to visit Princess Beatrice at Torquay this week.

Recognised by United States of America.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, April 22. The United States has officially recognised the Spanish Republic.

FRANCO-ITALIAN NAVAL AGREEMENT.

FRESH PROPOSALS BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, April 22. The French Ambassador to-day handed to the British Government a copy of the latest proposals of the French Government regarding the Naval Agreement.

These are now being studied. A copy has also been handed to the Italian Government.

AMERICAN GANGSTER BAILED.

ASSAULT ON RIVAL BOOTLEGGER.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

CATSKILLS, April 22. The notorious Chicago gangster, Jack Diamond, has been bailed out in the sum of \$25,000, on a charge of assaulting a lorry driver named Parks, who is alleged to be in the employment of a rival gang of bootleggers.

FRANCE EXPORTS GOLD TO U.S.

MOVEMENT OF SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, April 22. The first movement of gold from France to the United States for four years was made yesterday with the shipment of \$3,500,000 in the liner *Paris*.

Simultaneously it was announced that two further shipments totalling \$13,000,000 had been arranged. The shipments are the result of the recent decrease in transport costs from Havre to New York.

M.P.'S AND THEIR COFFEE.

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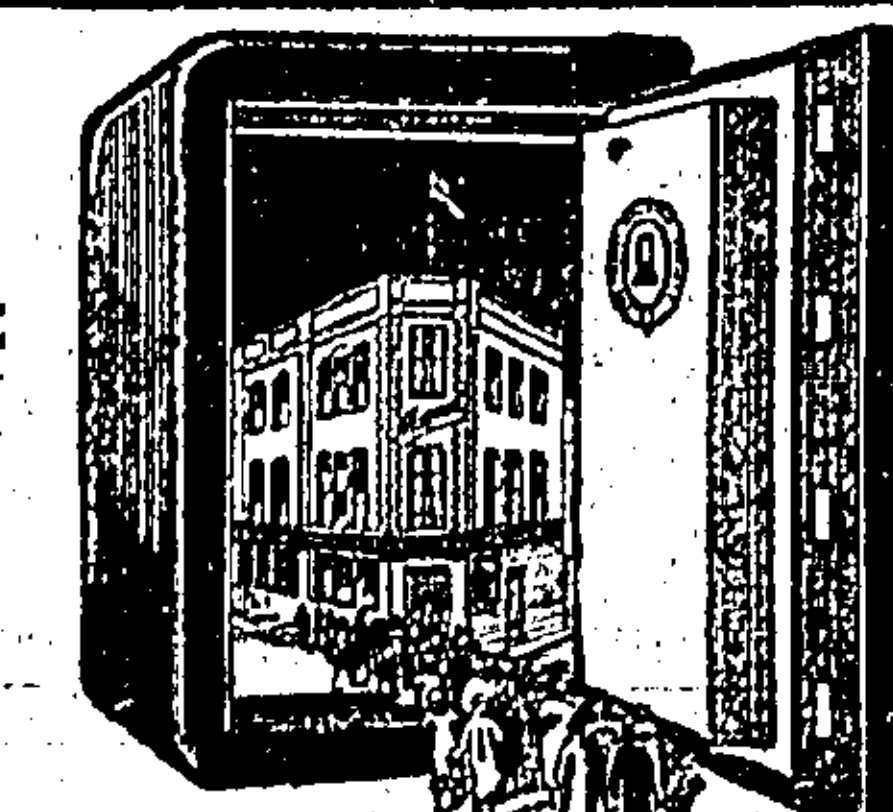
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

M.P.'s gave their coffee "beans" on March 18. "Disgusting stuff," said Mr. Ernest Brown (L. Leith) in the House of Commons to Mr. J. Compton, who, as chairman of the Kitchen Committee, was the target of several complaints about the coffee served in the refreshment rooms.

Mr. Compton said the coffee was a blend of Empire produce. "It is dear and not good. Get the best irrespective of where it is grown," suggested Mr. Leif Jones (L. Camborne), amid cries of "shame" from the Tory benches.

Lady Astor (C. Sutton): Is there a single one of the Kitchen Committee who understands how to make coffee. (Roars of laughter.) Mr. Compton maintained that the House staff was as competent as any other.

He said he could not entertain a proposal to abolish the tipping system in the refreshment rooms and pay the tipless waiters £250 a year. Several members had complained that they kept away from the refreshment rooms because they could not afford the tips.



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Sports News

HOME FOOTBALL.

WALES BEAT IRELAND.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

[THROUGH IRVING'S AGENCY.]

London, April 22.

The last international soccer match of the season was played at Wrexham to-day, Wales defeating Ireland by three goals to two.

England and Scotland are bracketed as the Champions, the final table being as follows:—

Three matches in the Scottish are bracketed as the champions, the final table being as follows:—

Three matches in the Scottish League all ended in a division of the points. The three top teams were in action, and the Rangers are now virtual champions. They are three points ahead of Celtic with a game in hand, while the latter have two more engagements.

The following are the results:—

Scottish League.

Motherwell	1	Ayr	1
Dundee	0	Celtic	0
Partick	1	Rangers	1
Division III (Southern).			
Brighton	2	Coventry	0

Division III (Northern).

Chesterfield	3	Lincoln	2
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Sheriff's Shield.

In the Sheriff of London's Shield match at Highbury, the Arsenal defeated the Corinthians by five goals to three.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	
England	3 2 0 1 9 3 4
Scotland	3 1 2 0 3 1 4
Wales	3 1 1 1 4 7 3
Ireland	3 0 1 2 3 8 1

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

INDIAN SEMI-FINAL.

Much attention will be centred in to-day's Open Singles semi-final (provided there is no rain) between C. A. L. Rumball and S. A. Rumball. The match will probably provide a fine struggle. The brothers are not meeting for the first time, as they opposed each other in the same event last year, when S.A. surprised followers of the game by winning in straight sets. C.A.L. has since acquired more experience of local courts, and there are many now who believe that he will turn the tables this time, but as S.A. possesses more effective strokes, he will have to produce very good form. The match starts at 4.30 p.m.

In qualifying for the semi-final, C.A.L. drew a bye in the first round and beat the following:—

D. B. Evans	6-1, 6-4.
Siu Kim Sang	6-3, 6-4.
Tau Wai Pui	6-3, 6-4.
H. N. Chan	6-1, 6-1.

S.A. also drew a bye in the first round, and in his progress he beat:—

W. N. Petch	6-2, 6-1.
H. Lo	6-4, 6-2.
Ng See Kwong	6-1, 6-4.

mium to stamina. Hero, Miss Ryan, with all her experience, may be at a disadvantage; youth represented by Miss Mathieu, Miss Mudford, and Miss Nuthall may be served.

The last named won the American championship in the absence of Mrs. Moody last year. Is it possible that she can do the same at Wimbledon? At Nice recently Miss Nuthall beat Miss Mathieu in a match as testing as any of her career; in it she revealed a marked all-round improvement.

There is yet another possible candidate for the title—Miss Helen Jacobs, the finalist in 1929. But whether she intends to compete is not yet known.

WHO WILL SUCCEED MRS. MOODY?

PROBLEM OF WIMBLEDON TITLE.

MISS NUTHALL'S CHANCE.

The decision of Mrs. F. S. Moody not to defend her title at Wimbledon this year has provoked two questions among lawn tennis players. The first concerns the future of the present champion. Does the erstwhile Miss Helen Wills intend to follow the example of two other famous Americans, Mr. Bobby Jones and Mr. W. T. Tilden, and capitalise her skill in sport by accepting an attractive film contract?

Interviewed in California, Mrs. Moody has stated that "at present" she has no idea of renouncing her amateur status, but she is reported to have added: "If somebody offered me a lot of money to make motion pictures I would not say that I might not be interested."

If Mrs. Moody should decide to forsake the amateur ranks she will be the fifth woman champion at Wimbledon to make that decision. Mrs. Larcombe, Mrs. Lambert Chambers, and Mrs. Bundy (Miss May Sutton) have become professional coaches. Miss Lenglen closed her amateur career by undertaking an exhibition tour in America under the aegis of Mr. Pile.

Possible Successors.

The second question is: Who is likely to succeed Mrs. Moody as champion? No competent judge of relative form would care to prophesy. Mrs. Moody was as much above the rest of the field as Bobby Jones in golf—perhaps more so, because the hazards of golf, where championships are concerned, are far greater than the hazards of lawn tennis. Mrs. Moody is not an artist like Miss Lenglen, nor a strategist like Mrs. Lambert Chambers, but she has a speed of stroke and a reserve of stamina which dominate the court. Her game has the vigour of a man's game.

Skill, experience, endurance—above all, a centre court morale—are required to survive six rounds at Wimbledon. Where women and crowds are concerned it is character, the force of personality, which is usually the decisive factor.

In estimating the chances of overseas invaders it must never be forgotten that to most of them turf courts are unfamiliar territory, and the turf at Wimbledon must essentially vary in pace, in spite of tarpaulines, according to the weather. Players like Senorita Alvarez, Miss Heine, Frl. Aussem, and Mme. Mathieu, unless they practise patiently on grass before the championship meeting, must to some extent be handicapped. This factor may shake their confidence in early rounds, and possibly lead to unforeseen disaster.

Vital Stamina Factor.

Nevertheless, if I were asked to name a player whose inherent talent entitles her to championship honours, I should select either Senorita Alvarez or Miss Heine; and I believe Mrs. Moody would be least confident against either. But the champion has vagaries of health that may jeopardise her success, and Miss Heine may not be able to make the journey from South Africa.

Below these two in actual standard of play, although capable of testing them at an exciting Wimbledon, are about six competitors all possessing, in the absence of Mrs. Moody, a chance of success. These six are Frl. Aussem (Germany), Mme. Mathieu (France), Miss Ryan (America), Mrs. Watson, Miss Mudford, and Miss Nuthall (England). Of course, if Mrs. Godfree intends to renew singles play seriously, she will be another candidate. So, too, would Mrs. Whittington if she is strong enough for the strain.

But few of these players has a service which, by its power, can influence a game and thereby shorten it. This limitation, which was foreign to Mrs. Moody, gives a pre-

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FIRST AIR MAIL TO MALAYA.

ARRIVAL AT SELETAR BASE.

Singapore, April 17.—The first British air mail from England to Singapore arrived last evening aboard the Imperial Airways' Hercules plane, the City of Cairo. She carried seven mail bags for Singapore, four of which were from London (dispatched on April 4).

The plane left Sourabaya and Port Darwin this morning, and carried 480 letters for Australia from Singapore.

The sun was setting in a blaze of glory over the R.A.F. aerodrome at Seletar, yesterday afternoon, when a crowd of some 300 to 400 people—all tense with excitement at the expected arrival of the Imperial Airways' Hercules aeroplane, which was carrying the first British air mail from England to Singapore—heard, in the distance, the drone of the engines of this Goliath of the air. Some five or six minutes later it swept down to earth with all the grace of a "chummy" Puss Moth.

It was a magnificent sight. As the plane drew nearer, and the drone of the engines developed into a mighty roar, we could see (writes a Straits Times representative) that here was a species of aircraft bigger than any that had previously landed on the Seletar aerodrome.

A Huge Plane.

She circled the 'drome once, and having got her bearings, sank gracefully to earth, outlined against a typical Malayan sunset, some 200 yards from the fringe of the awaiting crowd. Almost instantly the crowd moved forward, but as quickly there came a full-throated roar from the City of Cairo's triple engines, and the spectators stepped back as the plane taxied forward to the awaiting petrol lorry.

It was at this moment that the spectators began to realise what a span of 70 ft. 6 in., and an overall length of 56 ft., really means in an aeroplane. Some 60 or 70 Europeans gazed in silent admiration, while the large crowd of Asiatics looked upon a scene which amazed them.

When the plane finally came to a standstill the door of the passengers' entrance opened to reveal a bronzed, smiling figure in khaki shorts and shirt. He jumped down and was immediately followed by others, identically dressed, who began to busy themselves about the plane.

Youthful Pilots.

R.A.F. officers, police and postal officials came forward, and when papers had been signed and regulations fulfilled, I was able to have a few minutes' chat with one of the pilots, Mr. R. P. Mollard.

There are two pilots, of course, the other being Mr. H. W. C. Olgar, and they have both been employed for some time on the Imperial Airways route to India. There were no passengers, but the crew of three comprised Messrs. Sang (wireless operator), Barnicot (rigger) and Garner (fitter).

Both pilots are exceptionally young men but they carry their responsibility with an ease and assurance that begets confidence.

Mr. Mollard told me that they took over the flight at Karachi on April 13, and the trip to Singapore had been uneventful apart from occasional tropical storms. On the first day they reached Allahabad, via Delhi; Calcutta on the second; Rangoon and Victoria Point on the third; and Alor Star and Singapore on the fourth.

"Dodging Thunderstorms."

"We had to dodge a few storms after we left Alor Star," he said, "but, generally speaking, the going was good and we enjoyed the trip. The night we arrived at Victoria Point the rain fell so incessantly that we had to abandon all idea of making the usual adjustments until the next morning—that is really why we are a little late at Singapore."

He added that this was the first occasion he had been so far East, and he had not formed any definite opinion regarding general flying conditions here. From Singapore, which they left at 5.25 this morning, their route lies via Muntok, Sourabaya and Kupang to Port Darwin.

They intended to aim at reaching Sourabaya by nightfall to-night. Mr. Mollard thought it unlikely that they would get further than Muntok. The distance to Sourabaya is roughly 1,000 miles, and the City of Cairo has only been averaging 900 miles a day.

Seven Mail Bags for Singapore.

The mail, which was brought from London to Karachi by three other planes belonging to the Imperial Airways, left London on April 4. On arrival at Port Darwin the

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YACHTING.

FIRST MID-WEEK RACE.

The first Mid-Week Race took place yesterday.

The result was as follows:—

Course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (S), Ramsey Shoal (S).

"Y", "Y" and "G" Classes. (Started at 5.40 p.m.)

Why Wonder?	6.40.51	6.48.32	4
(Capt. C. C. Fontes)			
Bluejacket (Mr. E. B. Lambert)	6.48.31	6.47.12	1
Speedwell (Mr. P. S. Stewart)	6.53.37	6.52.18	6
Admiral (Comdr. Walker)	6.48.43	6.47.21	2
Daphne (Lieut. Col. W. N. Stokes)	6.49.55	6.48.55	5
Jessamine (Pay-Lt. Petre)	Did not start		

ADVICE ON BIRTH CONTROL.

TO BE ALLOWED BY HOME GOVERNMENT.

The Ministry of Health has decided to allow women to receive advice on birth control where there are medical grounds to justify it, and when it is given in maternity centres.

In a letter which has been sent by the Minister to the various maternity and child welfare authorities it is stated that "the Government have had under consideration the question of the use of institutions which are controlled by local authorities for the purpose of giving advice to women on contraceptive methods."

He states that maternity and child welfare centres and child welfare centres (including ante-natal cases) can properly deal only with expectant mothers, nursing mothers, and young children.

"At the same time the Government consider that, in cases where there are medical grounds for giving advice on contraceptive methods to married women in attendance at the centres, it may be given, but that such advice should be limited to cases where further pregnancy would be detrimental to health."

Special Sessions.

The advice should be given at a "special session and under conditions such as will not disturb the normal and primary work of the centre."

"The Government are advised," the letter continues, "that local authorities have no general power to establish birth control clinics as such, but that under the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915, it may properly be held that birth control clinics can be provided for these limited classes of women."

"Under the Public Health Acts local authorities have power to provide clinics at which medical advice and treatment would be available for women suffering from gynaecological conditions. But the enactments governing the provision of such clinics limit their availability to sick persons."

The Government have decided, therefore, that any departmental sanction which may be necessary to the establishment of such clinics shall be given only on the conditions stated.

mail will be transferred to a machine of the Qantas Company, which will transport it to Sydney and Melbourne.

There were seven mail bags for Singapore, four of which came from London. These were immediately handed over to the postal officials who rushed them to Singapore in the awaiting mail van.

The Machine in Question.

The City of Cairo is a three-engined bi-plane, normally used for commercial purposes, and was designed to the order of the Imperial Airways Ltd., for use on their Cairo-Karachi service. The plane is propelled by three 450 h.p. Bristol Jupiter XI air cooled radial engines, one in the nose and one mounted on each bottom centre section.

The dimensions of the plane and other details are as follows:—Span, 70 ft. 6 ins.; length, 58 ft.; height, 18 ft. 3 ins.; wing area, 1,547 sq. ft.; weights—empty, 8,800 lb.; loaded, 15,600 lb.; maximum speed, 130 m.p.h.; cruising speed, 110 m.p.h.; absolute ceiling, 15,200 ft.; initial rate of climbing, 635 ft. min.

The pilot's cockpit, which is enclosed seats two persons, while the main cabin is built to accommodate 14 passengers, or, when cargo is carried, seven passengers.—*Straits Times.*

NURSERY HOME IN FLAMES.

WOMEN'S RUSH TO BEDROOM.

Three babies were so seriously burned in a fire at Wild Oak House, a nursery home at Trull, near Taunton, that they died shortly after being carried out of the blazing building.

The children were Eric Sargeant, aged 10 months, Bryan Bennett, nine months, and Edward Edwards, aged 12 months. Leonard Cochran, aged one year, is suffering from burns, but there were hopes of his recovery.

Thirty other children were carried to safety.

The home, about 2½ miles from Taunton, is conducted by Miss N. Rogers.

The fire is believed to have been due to the fusing of an electric wire. The ringing of an electric bell about 4 a.m. was heard by a nurse, who gave the alarm. Nurses in their night attire rushed to the rescue of their charges, all of whom were carried into safety except the four who were sleeping in a back bedroom to which the fire was confined.

Through a Window.

Mr. Coles, jun., however, son of the Captain of the Taunton Fire Brigade, who had rushed away from his home in advance of the Brigade, climbed to the balcony and smashed the window. He rescued two of the babies before being overcome by the flames and smoke which enveloped the beds.

The attempts of the firemen to raise a ladder to the window of the burning dormitory failed because of the flames, but Captain G. H. Coles and Fireman W. Addicot entered through another window and brought out two more babies who were still breathing, but died shortly afterwards.

The fire, which was confined to one dormitory and a linen cupboard, was under control in an hour.

In an interview Mr. Coles, jun., said: "When I arrived at the home the nurses took me to the room in which the fire was blazing. As I opened the door flames and smoke drove me down stairs. I then went to the back of the premises and climbed to the balcony of the bedroom window. I smashed the panes with stones, and entering the room groped my way round in an attempt to find the four cots which I knew were there."

"I found a child in one cot and it did not cry or stir when I lifted it out. I handed the baby through the window to one of the nurses and then went back for the other children."

Blazing Clothes.

"I found another baby in a cot near the window. The cot was burning and blazing clothes dropped from the child as I lifted it up."

"After I had handed this baby out I went back again, but I could not stand the smoke and heat any longer. My overcoat was on fire and the flames had blistered my legs. Just then the brigade arrived and the two other children were saved."

The firemen did magnificently when they entered the bedroom, which was blazing like a furnace.

In addition to Mr. Coles, Firemen Walter Addicot and Harold Addicot were treated for injuries. One of the nurses sprained an ankle during the rescue operations.



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SINGAPORE STOCK MARKET.

STEADY DECLINE IN TIN AND RUBBER.

Messrs. Fraser & Co., Singapore, in their weekly report, dated April 14, state:—

During the period under review both Tin and Rubber have steadily declined in price and the little business offering has been further interrupted by the holidays. The Bill authorising the Tin Restriction scheme duly received the sanction of the Federal Council yesterday, and the individual quotas are expected to be issued in the near future. From a rough analysis of the March outputs declared by some of the Companies, it would appear that a surplus amount of ore was mined as compared with the anticipated allotments on the 1929 basis, and adjustments will presumably be necessary later in the quarter.

The London and Australian markets remain extremely quiet and very few transactions appear to be taking place with the Straits at present.

The payment of the usual final dividend and bonus by the Straits Steamship Co., was very welcome in view of the depressed condition of trade generally.

Mining.—Transactions have taken place in Sungai Lusa round 81.02½ with further shares wanted, Rahman Hydraulics from 63½ to 67½.

Penawate 58 to 61 cents and later at 50 cents, Kinta Dredges 81.02½, Kuchnia 78 and 79 cents and Johans at 22 cents. Tronchs were done at 14/3, Teluapans 0/8 and Raubs at 51/3. Malayan Collieries being a weak market with shares offering at 829.30. There is a buyer of Petalings at 83.00 and further Raubs could be placed at 813.75. On the selling side, Hong Kong Tins are available also Kampong Samuntings, Lukuts, Teju Malaya, and a bid is wanted for a small parcel of Puchong.

Rubbers.—Very little interest has been taken in this section, Jaram Kuantans coming to business at 47½ cents, Pajamas 81, Mentakabs 24 and 25 cents, New Soudais from 93 to 99 cents and Malaka Pindas 79 and 80 cents. There is an enquiry for Jimaha, also Ulu Pandana and there are sellers of practically all the other stocks at quotations.

Industrials.—Straits Traders have remained very steady and are unchanged at 827.50, Straits Steamships changed hands at 8233 and 8235 cum dividend and later at 8223 on an ex dividend basis. Gammons have been strong and on a rising market were taken from 816.30 to 817, Spore Cold storage found buyers at 85, sellers over.

United Engineers 87.65 and Robinson Ords at 88.30, Fraser & Neave Ords improved to 813.25, and there is an unsatisfied demand for Wearnes. London prices are slightly firmer since our last report:—Shell Transports 53.20, British-American Tobaccos 54.5.6, Hong Kong Banks 2108.10, Duffs 3/6, Lunlops 12/3 and Imperial Tobacco 54.8.0.

DIVIDENDS.

NAME	Dividend	Total for year to date	Year date	Date close	Books close
Singapore Municipal 5% Stock 1929	2½	—	1-5-31	17/30 April	—
Straits Steamship 5% final and 5% bonus	12½	31 Dec.	11-4-31	—	—
Great Eastern Life 12½ final	25	31 Dec.	—	—	—
Lukut Tin 2½ int.	25	31 Aug.	24-4-31	20/21 April	—
Talam Mines 5%	5	31 Dec.	20-4-31	15/20 April	—
Kamusan 2½	25	31 Dec.	11-4-31	—	—
Kuala Sidim 5%	5	31 Dec.	21-4-31	15/31 April	—

RAUB GOLD MINES.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS SHOWN.

The report of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., for the four weeks ended March 23, is follows:—

Development.—The total amount of development completed for the term, totalled 620 feet, as follows:—Sinking, 98 feet; Driving, 492 feet; Crosscutting, 91½ feet.

The tonnage mined and crushed for the period, amounted to 3,018 tons, and the recovery of fine gold per ton, equal 10½ dwts., yielding a satisfactory profit.

The development work completed totalled 620 feet, widths and values being maintained throughout.

The Cyanide Plant treated 325 tons of low grade concentrates, for a satisfactory profit, the tonnage being lower than usual, owing to repairs to tube mill.

Bukit Koman Area.—The tonnage mined and treated from this area, total 1,275 tons, and development 372 feet.

Anderson-Lilburne Area.—Tonnage mined and crushed 588 tons, and development completed 50 feet.

Derrick Area.—The tonnage mined and crushed total 1,158 tons, and development 196 feet.

Construction.—New Bellis Motor Compressor and Synchronous Motor completed erection, and is working smoothly. Receiver for air pressure at roaster completed. New Roller bearings put in 100 h.p. motor at Cyanide Plant, also bearing in Tube Mill. Piping for air to Rock Drills at B. Koman S. and Rock Drills installed. Excavation for Cooling Tower made. Six tons castings completed. Extra pumps installed.

Cyanide Plant.—325 tons of low gold bullion, yielding satisfactory profit.

Dredges.—3,500 yards dredged, day shift, only, for 27½ ozs. gold bullion, showing profitable result.

Battery Tonnage.—40 Stamps worked for 27 days.

Tons.

Bukit Koman Area 1,275

Anderson-Lilburne Area 588

Derrick Area 1,158

Total 3,018

Amalgam 4,433 ozs.

Snelled Gold 1,709/85

Battery 07/30

Cyanide Plant 27/25

Dredge 1,804/40

Total 1,804/40

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFIN.

TOMB OF EGYPTIAN PRINCE.

Cairo.—The largest sarcophagus in the world, weighing about 1,118 tons, has been discovered by the Pennsylvania University expedition excavating near the medium pyramid, not far from Cairo.

This gigantic sarcophagus is made of red granite, and dates from the Fourth Dynasty, about 2,500 B.C. It was found in an enormous sepulchral chamber of massive construction, which was partially uncovered by Sir Flinders Petrie some time ago.

The tomb is the seventeenth of the so-called mastabas, where the courtiers and officials of Snofru, the Pharaoh who built the medium pyramid, are buried. These are among the most ancient monuments of their kind in the world.

Many other objects of great importance from the archaeological standpoint have been discovered by the Pennsylvania expedition, one a prince's tomb to the north of the pyramid. It is a pit nearly 150ft. deep, at the bottom of which is a sepulchre. Nothing, however, was found in it except a necklace, as the tomb had been visited by thieves many centuries ago.

The robbers must have expected to find a rich booty, for, to reach the tomb, they had to drive a tunnel slantwise over 100 yards long through solid rock.

Many hieroglyphic inscriptions were found in the sepulchre, showing that the inmate was Prince Nihob—the name meaning "Belonging to Apis." It is hazarded that Prince Nihob may be the son of the Pharaoh Snofru. The discovery is especially welcome as it adds a name to the royal family reigning in the beginning the fourth dynasty.

JUDGE ON WOMEN'S "FOLLY."

PRICES FOR PERMANENT HAIR-WAVING.

"It is folly that women should spend money in this way," declared Judge Terrell at Bromley County Court when alluding to the variation in prices for permanent hair-waving.

His honour expressed surprise on hearing that girls were taught permanent waving in London County Council schools.

"Are public funds spent for the purpose of teaching this permanent waving?" he asked.

"So I am instructed," replied Mr. Bensley Wells (barrister), who added that there was a Council training centre for hairdressing.

The plaintiff in the action, Miss Davison, of Brixton, who claimed damages from Mrs. Jannette, of Shortlands, alleged that injury resulted to her head when she had her hair permanently waved in defendant's shop.

Miss Davison said that she had her hair waved for 10s.

Mr. Wells: You know what the average price for permanent waving is?—It varies.

In London it varies from £3 10s. to £5 1—No, from 15s. upwards.

Witness denied that there was talk among the girls where she worked that they had discovered a hairdresser who did permanent waving at a marvellously low price.

She said that she had a "terrible" headache shortly after leaving the shop, and had to see a doctor while on holiday at Ilfracombe.

She consulted doctors in Ilfracombe and London for seven months, and had to wear bandages on her head when she went to business. She claimed £25 general damages, and £10 for lint.

Mr. Wells: Do you recognise that this represents 400 packets of lint, enough to last you for ten years?—There was lotion as well.

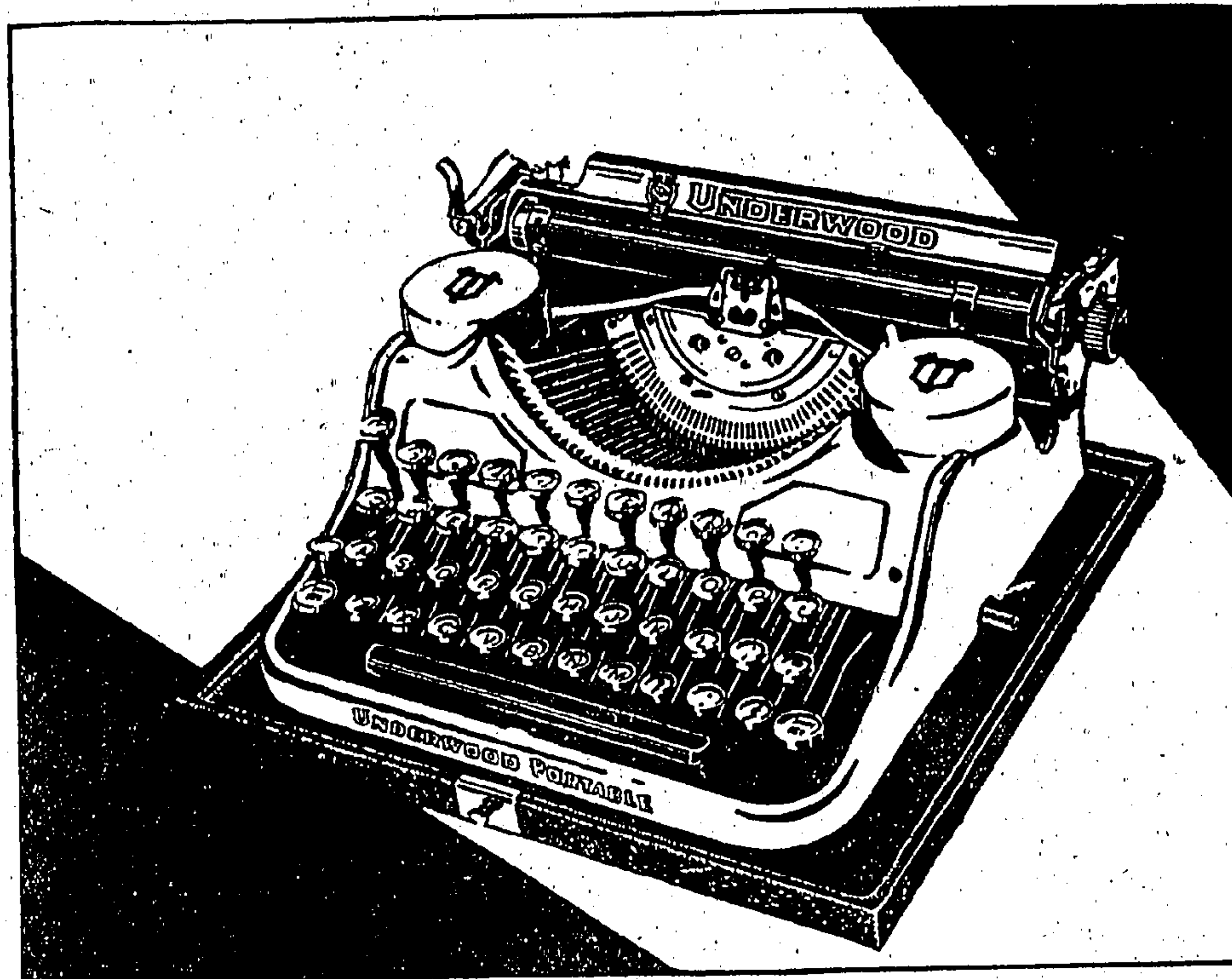
What negligence do you complain of?—The electric irons should have been taken off immediately.

Mr. Wells said that the contract was not with the defendant but with an improver who worked in the shop, and who was allowed by her mistress to do such things for friends for the sake of experience.

Defendant said there was always a certain amount of risk of burns when permanent waving was being done.

Plaintiff was awarded 21 guineas damages.

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ARUNDEL VAULT OPENED.

POPE'S DESIRE FOR FACTS. DUKE AND BISHOP PRESENT.

The skeleton of the First Earl of Arundel, who died 330 years ago (in 1585), has been secretly exhumed at the Fitzalan Chapel, Arundel Castle, and examined by surgeons and others.

It was a solemn ceremony, and was carried out in the presence of the Duke of Norfolk, Dr. Amigo, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, several secular priests, two surgeons, and some servants at the Castle.

The exhumation was performed under a Home Office Order granted at the request of certain prominent Roman Catholics.

Not Beheaded.

Those concerned, including the surgeons, were under an oath to exercise the greatest care in the identification of the remains as those of the First Earl and in establishing points of history.

The full facts of the examination will be placed before the Pope, who expressed a desire that certain details with which he was acquainted last December should be verified before the Earl is identified.

Among questions which it was desired to settle were whether the Earl was beheaded or died a natural death, and whether the skull was in the coffin.

A complete skeleton was found in the coffin, and there were no signs of the Earl having been executed. It was known that he died in the Tower of London before the date actually fixed for the execution, and the exhumation proves that he was not beheaded.

Bones Picked Together.

The bones were carefully picked together, and identification was definitely established through the original brass plate and parchment document inside the coffin.

Further proof was added by old records in the possession of the Duke of Norfolk and by facts obtained from the Tower of London.

After the examination the skeleton was reinterred and the vaults were closed up.

"HONOUR BESMIRCHED."

DOCTOR REPROVED FOR BLOW AT A MEETING.

Dr. Thomas Campbell, a member of the Urban District Council of Sandy, Beds., was fined £3 for assaulting Mr. Harold Phillips, a member of the neighbourhood Council of Biggleswade.

The Sandy Council were disputing their liability to pay anything towards the cost of a wall at Biggleswade, known as the "Waiting Wall." A joint meeting was held, and it was at this meeting that the assault occurred.

Dr. Campbell pleaded guilty. He offered to make a public apology and to shake hands with Mr. Phillips, whose interruptions during the meeting, he said, had so annoyed him that he lost his temper.

Addressing Dr. Campbell, the chairman of the magistrates said: "Your behaviour on this occasion can only be described as disgraceful. We sincerely hope that you will not allow your dignity and honour as a gentleman to be besmirched in future."

EAST END MYSTERY.

INDIAN FOUND MURDERED IN HIS ROOM.

Idries Ali, an Indian poultry dealer, was found dead last month, having apparently been murdered in the room of a tenement house which he occupied in Victoria Dock Road, Canning Town, E.

Ali, who was aged 41, was, until eight months ago, a leading seaman on vessels plying between London and India, a native of Bengal, a Mohammedan, and a recognized authority on his religion. He was unmarried and lived alone, and is said to have been in the habit of entertaining parties of his countrymen to card games.

His body, with severe head injuries, was found by a neighbour named Gheddalla, who with another Indian, named Johnson, called on him, and getting no response, entered the room by the window. Gheddalla stated to a Press representative that the room was full of gas, which he turned off.

Robbery is not suspected as the motive for the murder, as a sum of money was found intact in a box under Ali's bed, and the theory is that he was struck during a quarrel.

Scotland Yard officers, including Superintendent Savage, are making widespread investigations, but have little to work upon. Statements have been made by a number of Indians and friends of the dead man, one Indian was taken to Ladbroke police station, which he left after making a statement.

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Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
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AMOEY.

Haiyang, Douglas, April 24.
Sirdhana, B.I., April 24.
Tjissara, J.C.J.L., April 24.
Suisang, Jardine's, April 24.
Anhui, B. & S., April 27.
Haiching, Douglas, April 28.
Tainan, B. & S., April 29.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., April 30.
Haining, Douglas, May 1.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 1.
Tahawa, B.I., May 8.
Tjikarangi, J.C.J.L., May 8.
Katsang, Jardine's, May 10.
Santhia, B.I., May 23.

ANTWERP.

Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.
Danmark, Manners, May 10.
Rheinland, Jenson, May 12.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 12.
Java, Manners, May 22.
Burdwan, P. & O., May 30.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.
Nellere, E. & A., May 1.
Tipping, B. & S., May 10.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Tanda, E. & A., May 30.

BALTIC PORTS.

Danmark, Manners, May 10.
Java, Manners, May 22.

BALTIMORE.

Tweedbank, Bank, May 8.

BANGKOK.

Kwangtung, B. & S., April 26.
Kaying, B. & S., May 3.

BARCELONA.

Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Trier, Melchers, May 20.

BELAWAN-DELI.

Cremor, J.C.J.L., May 7.

BOMBAY.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 5.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.

BOSTON.

Tayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Tweedbank, Bank, May 8.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Siamese Prince, Furness, May 10.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

BRISBANE.

Franken, Melchers, April 25.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Tria, Melchers, May 30.

BRINDISI.

Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.

CALCUTTA.

Akita Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.
Takada, B.I., May 5.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 8.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., May 8.
Sirdhana, B.I., May 14.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 10.
Tilawa, B.I., May 30.

CASABLANCA.

Perseus, B.F., April 29.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

CHEFOO.

Huichow, B. & S., May 1.
Kueichow, B. & S., May 15.

COLOMBO.

Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 28.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., April 30.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 5.
Glencue, Jardine's, May 7.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 12.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Sphinx, M.M., May 23.
Burdwan, P. & O., May 30.
Glennier, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

COPENHAGEN.

Danmark, Manners, May 10.
Java, Manners, May 22.

DALNY.

Iohang, B. & S., April 24.
Huichow, B. & S., April 27.
Sarpodon, B.F., May 2.
Tea, B. & S., May 4.

DUTCH PORTS.

Franken, Melchers, April 25.
Perseus, B.F., April 29.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Glencue, Jardine's, May 7.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.
Vogtland, Jenson, May 10.
Danmark, Manners, May 10.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.
Rheinland, Jenson, May 12.
City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Trave, Melchers, May 17.
Java, Manners, May 22.
Duisburg, Jenson, May 23.
Burdwan, P. & O., May 30.
Glennier, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Tria, Melchers, May 20.

FOOCHOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, April 24.
Chingching, Jardine's, April 24.
Haining, Douglas, May 1.
Haiching, Douglas, April 28.
Huichow, B. & S., May 1.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, May 10.
Kueichow, B. & S., May 15.

GENOA.

Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Vogtland, Jenson, May 10.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.
Rheinland, Jenson, May 12.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., May 12.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., May 15.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Tipping, B. & S., May 10.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., May 23.
Tanda, E. & A., May 30.
Tria, Melchers, May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

GLASGOW.

Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
Elpenor, B.F., May 20.

GOTHENBURG.

Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

HAIPOH AND HOIHOW.

Kiungchow, B. & S., April 24.
Kinyuan, B. & S., May 8.

HAMBURG.

Franken, Melchers, April 25.
Perseus, B.F., April 29.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Glencue, Jardine's, May 7.
Vogtland, Jenson, May 10.
Danmark, Manners, May 10.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.
Rheinland, Jenson, May 12.
City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Trave, Melchers, May 17.
Java, Manners, May 22.
Duisburg, Jenson, May 23.
Burdwan, P. & O., May 30.
Glennier, Jardine's, May 30.
Tria, Melchers, May 30.

HAVRE.

Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Rheinland, Jenson, May 12.
City of Athens, Bank, May 10.
Elpenor, B.F., May 20.

HONOLULU.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 25.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.
Tetsuta Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., May 23.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.

JAPAN PORTS.

Comorin, P. & O., April 24.
Sirdhana, B.I., April 24.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 25.
Achilles, B.F., April 28.

Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., April 28.
Duisburg, Jenson, April 28.

Suisang, Jardine's, April 28.
Alipore, P. & O., April 27.

Sirdhana, B.I., April 27.
Tokio Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.
Glennier, Jardine's, April 29.

Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.

Tiptitz, Jenson, April 29.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Sumatra, Gilman's, May 2.
Tayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Tyndarus, B.F., May 2.
Moncalieri, Dodwell's, May 4.

Kakodate Maru, N.Y.K., May 5.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.

Hosang, Jardine's, May 7.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 8.

Glencue, Jardine's, May 8.
Kashmir, P. & O., May 8.

Menestheus, B.F., May 8.
Tanda, E. & A., May 8.

Tilawa, B.I., May 8.
Havelland, Jenson, May 9.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Diomed, B.F., May 18.

Kutsang, Jardine's, May 10.
Nagara, Gilman's, May 10.

Ranpura, P. & O., May 10.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 12.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., May 23.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

Sauerland, Jenson, May 24.
Chenoneaux, M.M., May 25.

Glennier, Jardine's, May 25.
Santhia, B.I., May 25.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Gange, Dodwell's, May 27.

JAVA PORTS.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 28.
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., May 5.

Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., May 12.
Tjissara, J.C.J.L., May 19.

Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., May 23.

LISBON.

Trier, Melchers, May 30.

LIVERPOOL.

Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Elpenor, B.F., May 20.

LONDON.

Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Perseus, B.F., April 29.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Glencue, Jardine's, May 7.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
City of Athens, Bank, May 16.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Trave, Melchers, May 17.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Burdwan, P. & O., May 30.
Glennier, Jardine's, May 30.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.

LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 28.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 12.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 23.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.

MANILA.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 25.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, April 25.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 28.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., April 30.
Nellere, E. & A., May 1.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 5.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 9.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., May 12.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., May 15.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Tipping, B. & S., May 10.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., May 23.
Tanda, E. & A., May 30.
Tria, Melchers, May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

MARSEILLES.

Franken, Melchers, April 25.
Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 25.
Perseus, B.F., April 29.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.
Vogtland, Jenson, May 10.
Danmark, Manners, May 10.
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MESELES.

General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.
Rheinland, Jenson, May 12.
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Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Trave, Melchers, May 17.
Java, Manners, May 22.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.
Sphinx, M.M., May 23.
Burdwan, P. & O., May 30.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

MAPLES.

Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Siamese Prince, Furness, May 10.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 25.
Tayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Tweedbank, Bank, May 8.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 12.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

Siamese Prince, Furness, May 10.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 20.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

NEWORLEANS.

Iehang, B. & S., April 24.
Huichow, B. & S., April 27.

Tenn, B. & S., May 4.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 10.

Kueichow, B. & S., May 15.

NINGPO.

Huichow, B. & S., April 27.

Sarpodon, B.F., May 2.

Tayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Tria, Melchers, May 5.

Lahn, Melchers, May 15.

Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

PAKHOL.

Kiungchow, B. & S., April 24.

Kinyuan, B. & S., May 8.

PANAMA.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 28.

Tayama Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 12.

Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 20.

Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, May 31.

Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Glennier, Jardine's, May 30.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.

Tilawa, B.I., May 30.

PORT SAID.

Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.

Tellix Roussel, M.M., April 25.

Perseus, B.F., April 29.

Soudan, P. & O., May 2.

Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

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		Inches	Fahrenheit	Direction	Force	Force	Force	Force	Force	Force	Inches	Fahrenheit	Direction	Force	Force	Force	Force	Force	Force
Wanvostok ...	12	29.79	75.6	51	N	3	0	6	29.96	76.1	46	WNW	0	1	b				
Nemuro ...	11	29.21	74.0	...	W	2	...	5	29.69	75.4	...	WNW	...	...	...				
Hokodate ...	...	29.39	74.6	...	NNW	4	...	...	29.92	76.0	...	NW	...	...	...				
Tokio ...	...	29.45	74.8	...	S	2	...	...	30.04	76.3	...	N	...	...	...				
Kochi ...	...	29.63	75.2	...	WNW	1	...	...	30.06	76.3	...	NE	...	...	...				
Nagasaki ...	...	29.80	75.7	...	WNW	2	...	...	30.10	76.5	...	NNE	...	...	...				
Kagoshima ...	...	29.78	75.6	...	WNW	1	...	...	30.04	76.3	...	...	...	...	...				
Oshima ...	...	29.86	75.8	...	WSW	1	...	...	30.00	76.2	...	WSW	...	...	...				
Naha ...	...	29.90	75.9	...	SW	3	...	...	30.00	76.2	...	NNE	...	...	...				
Ishigakijima ...	...	29.92	76.0	...	...	0	...	...	30.00	76.2	...	NNE	...	...	...				
Donia Island ...	...	30.00	76.2	...	SSE	1	...	...	30.05	76.2	...	S	...	...	...				
Chefoo ...	15	30.18	76.0	56	NW	4	0	6	30.02	76.2	52	...	...	...	...				
Shanghai ...	14	30.16	76.1	63	NE	2	0	6	30.21	76.2	52	ENE	...	...	...				
Gutzlaff ...	...	30.29	76.3	56	N	4	0	6	30.93	77.0	52	N	...	...	...				
Wanchow ...	...	30.09	76.2	66	NE	6	0	6	30.07	76.8	62	N	...	...	...				
Foochow ...	...	30.01	76.2	66	NE	2	0	6	30.07	76.8	62	N	...	...	...				
Amoy ...	...	29.95	76.1	69	NE	4	0	6	29.95	76.1	60	NE	...	...	...				
Swatow ...	...	30.00	76.2	65	E	4	0	5	30.02	76.2	63	ENE	...	...	...				
Taihu ...	...	29.95	76.0	83	NNW	4	0	5	29.95	76.0	65	N	...	...	...				
Taiwan ...	...	29.90	75.9	91	NW	4	0	5	29.95	76.0	68	NNE	...	...	...				
Koshun ...	...	29.89	75.9	91	W	2	0	5	29.95	76.0	67	NE	...	...	...				
Pescadore ...	...	29.94	76.0	79	NNW	4	0	5	29.96	76.1	70	NNE	...	...	...				
Hong Kong ...	14	29.81	75.7	80	SE	2	0	6	29.91	76.7	83	E	...	...	...				
Gap Rock ...	...	29.81	75.7	80	SE	2	0	6	29.96	76.8	77	ENE	...	...	...				
Macao ...	...	29.80	75.7	79	N	3	0	5	29.92	76.7	70	SE	...	...	...				
Hoihow ...	...	29.87	75.8	91	ENE	2	0	6	29.92	76.0	77	NE	...	...	...				
Pratas Island ...	...	29.71	75.6	88	ESE	6	0	7	29.85	75.8	83	ENE	...	...	...				
Phu Lien ...	...	29.69	75.4	88	SSE	2	0	6	29.77	75.6	77	S	...	...	...				
Tourane ...	...	29.79	75.7	89	E	4	0	6	29.83	75.7	81	E	...	...	...				
Capo St. James ...	14	29.83	75.7	91	SSE	2	0	6	29.89	75.9	78	...	...	...	...				
Basco ...	...	29.78	75.6	91	NE	4	0	6	29.89	75.9	78	...	...	...	...				
Aparri ...	...	29.76	75.5	91	ESE	4	0	6	29.88	75.8	76	...	...	...	...				
Tuguegarao ...	...	29.80	75.7	86	NNE	2	0	5	29.86	75.8	81	...	...	...	...				
Vigan ...	...	29.76	75.5	91	ESE	4	0	6	29.88	75.8	76	...	...	...	...				
Manila ...	...	29.80	75.7	86	NNE	2	0	5	29.86	75.8	81	...	...	...	...				
Legaspi ...	...	29.76	75.5	91	ESE	4	0	6	29.88	75.8	76	...	...	...	...				
Calbayog ...	...	29.76	75.5	91	ESE	4	0	6	29.88	75.8	76	...	...	...	...				
Tacloban ...	...	29.79	75.6	91	NE	4	0	6	29.83	75.6	...	ENE	...	...	...				
Moilo ...	...	29.79	75.6	91	NE	4	0	6	29.83	75.6	...	ENE	...	...	...				
Cebu ...	...	29.76	75.5	91	ESE	4	0	6	29.88	75.8	76	...	...	...	...				
Surigao ...	...	29.76	75.5	91	ESE	4	0	6	29.88	75.8	76	...	...	...	...				
Saipan ...	11.00	29.80	75.6	...	NE	4	0	6	29.83	75.6	...	ENE	...	...	...				
Guam ...	12.22	29.80	75.6	...	NE	4	0	6	29.83	75.6	...	ENE	...	...	...				
Yap ...	11.00	29.76	75.5	...	NE	4	0	6	29.83	75.6	...	ENE	...	...	...				
Pelew ...	...	29.79	75.6	91	W	6	0	6	29.82	75.7	78	...	...	...	...				
Iabuan ...	14	29.79	75.6	91	W	6	0	6	29.82	75.7	78	...	...	...	...				

April 23d. 10A. 85m.—The anticyclone is central near Shanghai. Pressure is low over Indo-China. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.11 inch. Total since January 1, 12.97 inches, against an average of 10.04 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 24.

Forecast. 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong, moderating. 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook ... E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain. 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain. 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 23.

Previous Day at 4 p.m. On Date at 10 a.m. On Date at 4 p.m.

Barometer ... 29.69 29.98 29.94

Temperature ... 72 83 85

Humidity ... 91 91 87

Wind ... Direction ... Force ...

Weather ... OR ... ODM ... O

Rain ... 0.00 0.01 0.11

Highest open-air Temperature, 23.82

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B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning;

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 24 to 30, 1931.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week. Date of Month. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height.

Fri. 24. 12.35. 6.6. 21.20. 0.9.

Sat. 25. 12.28. 6.4. 22.30. 0.9.

Sun. 26. 14.40. 6.1. 23.30. 0.9.

Mon. 27. 08.25. 4.3. 10.15. 4.0.

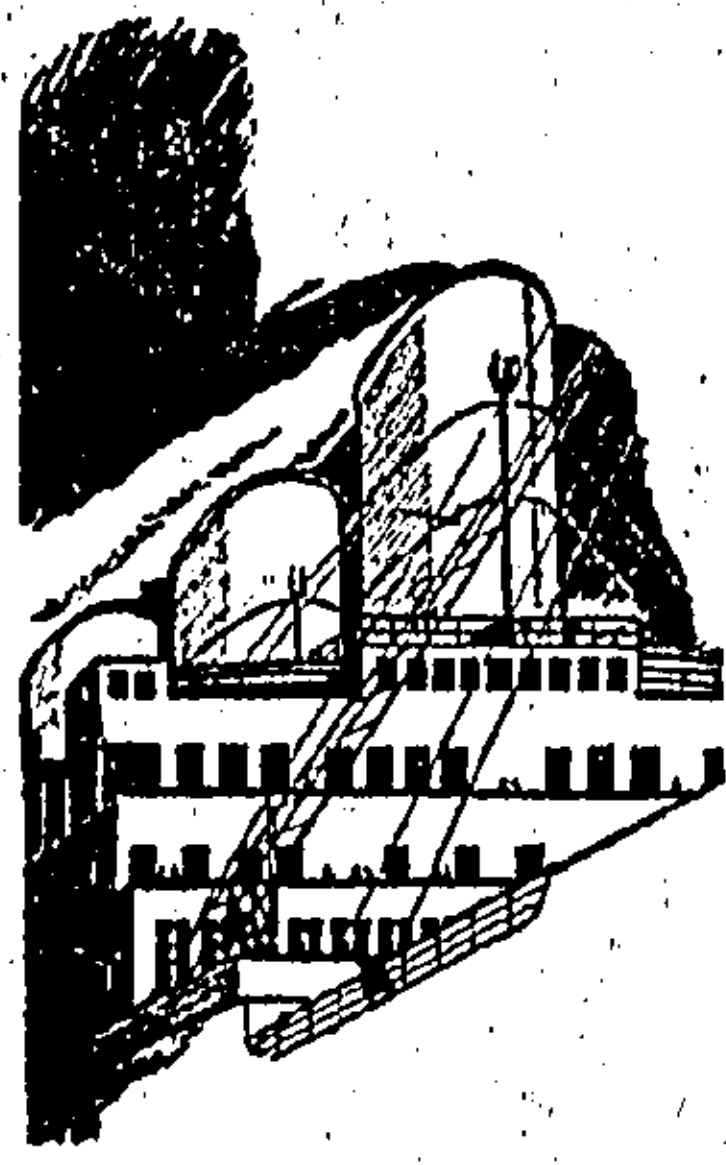
Tues. 28. 07.50. 4.5. 00.20. 1.0.

Wed. 29. 07.58. 4.9. 01.04. 1.1.

Thur. 30. 08.16. 5.4. 01.40. 1.4.

20.28. 5.8. 15.52. 2.0.

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Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave
Empress of Canada ... Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 8	May 14
Empress of Russia ... May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 20	May 26
Empress of Japan ... May 23	May 26	May 29	May 31	June 5	June 10
Empress of Asia ... June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 17	June 22
Empress of Canada ... June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 3	July 8
Empress of Russia ... July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 15	July 20
Empress of Japan ... July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	July 31	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia ... July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada ... Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 21	Aug. 23	Aug. 28	Sept. 2
Empress of Russia ... Aug. 28	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 10	Sept. 15
Empress of Japan ... Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 24	Sept. 29
Empress of Asia ... Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 7	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada ... Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 16	Oct. 18	Oct. 22	Oct. 27
Empress of Russia ... Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 4	Nov. 9

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Empress of Russia	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Russia	Apr. 30	May 2
Empress of Japan	May 15	May 17

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G. METZINGER ... 19th May	POROS ... 11th May
SPHINX ... 26th May	ORNONCEAUX ... 28th May
POROS ... 9th June	ATHOS II ... 9th June
ORNONCEAUX ... 23rd June	DARTAGNAN ... 7th July
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 23,800 TONS;
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1,000 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Cargo	Through
Emp. of Canada, Manila	H.K.	Ports.
Chipsing, Weihiwei	1,157	915
Shantung, Swatow	170	740
Haiyang, Swatow	200	—
Helikon, Saigon	2,400	—
Hydrangea, Swatow	175	—
American Golden Mountain, Takao	317	1,339
Grays Harbor, Kobe	210	300
Defiance, Manila	—	6,784
Dutch Van Heutz, Swatow	—	788
Tjisaroen, Manila	3,623	1,665
Oudekerk, Manila	1,637	5,674
German Burgenland, Shanghai	12	5,600
Norwegian Hui Hing, Swatow	—	480
Danish Clara Jensen, Hoihow	2,204	—
French Song Bo, Pakhoi	1,183	209
Portuguese Wing Wo, K. C. Wan	310	—
Japanese Tacoma Maru, Singapore	750	5,253
Tokawa Maru, Singapore	563	7,630
Canton Maru, Swatow	670	—
Roko Maru, Onire	1,300	2,600
Kasagisan Maru, Milke	3,383	—
Ronsan Maru, Newchwang	1,690	2,060
Konsan Maru, Newchwang	1,710	2,090
Chinese Cheung On, Shanmei	30	—
Total	23,764	44,552

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	3	1
Dutch	3	0
German	1	1
Norwegian	1	0
Danish	1	0
French	1	0
Portuguese	1	0
Japanese	7	0
Chinese	1	0
Total	25	12

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Shantung (Br.) Shanghai, Swatow	91
Haiyang (Br.) Foochow, Swatow	112
Helikon (Br.) Saigon, Swatow	353
Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow	85
Van Heutz (Dut.) Amoy, Swatow	455
Tjisaroen (Dut.) Batavia, Manila	362
Clara Jensen (Dan.) Bangkok, Hoihow	70
Song Bo (Fr.) Haiphong, Pakhoi	150
Tokawa Maru (Jap.) Calcutta, Shanghai	84
Canton Maru (Jap.) Keelung, Swatow	197
Cheung On (Chi.) Shanmei	60
Total	2,068

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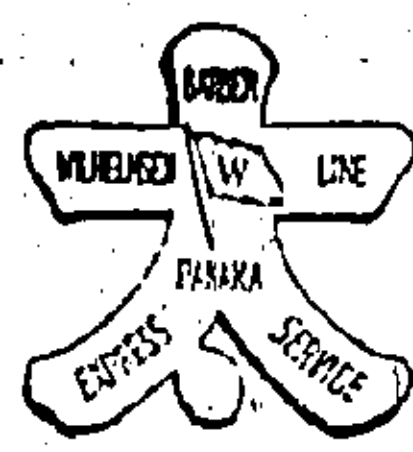
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"SOUDAN"	14,568	2nd May (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	5th May	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"COMORIN"	10,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BURDWAN"	8,273	30th May (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"ALIPORE"	8,273	2nd June	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	5th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KANTHA"	10,003	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,003	4th July	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"RAJWALPINDI"	10,003	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"PERIM"	7,643	25th July	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"SOMALI"	10,003	8th Aug. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"RAJPUTANA"	14,568	16th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	8,955	22nd Aug. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KANTHA"	10,003	29th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"CATHAY"	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"SOUDAN"	14,568	19th Sept. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	10th Oct.	do.
"BURDWAN"	8,273	17th Oct. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, B'g, R'dm. & A'warp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	24th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	10,003	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"SIRDHANA"	7,745	24th Apr. 7 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"COMORIN"	10,132	1st May 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ALIPORE"	8,273	27th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	30th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	9,950	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"KANTHA"	10,003	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	26th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"TALMA"	10,000	4th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHGAR"	9,003	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,900	13th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"PERIM"	7,643	16th June	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	18th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"RAJWALPINDI"	10,019	18th June	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SOMALI"	—	27th June	do.
"SIRDHANA"	7,745	2nd July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KHYBER"	9,114	2nd July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,853	5th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"TILAWA"	10,003	13th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"RAJPUTANA"	14,568	17th July	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	30th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KANTHA"	9,128	31st July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NANKIN"	7,658	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SOUDAN"	—	8th Aug.	do.
"CATHAY"	15,121	14th Aug.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	28th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	11th Sept.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	25th Sept.	do.
"NALDERA"	10,003	10th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"RAJPUTANA"	14,568	7th Nov.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.

* Cargo only.

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